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HOME RULE UNDER NICHOLS

GLANCES AT THREE PARISHES.

THE ELECTION IN NATCHITOCHES, TENSAS, AND CADDO—WHITE LEAGUE "REMONSTRANCES"—HOW "INTELLIGENCE AND INTEGRITY" RULE THE STATE—CONCILIATION IN LOUISIANA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday Night.

I.

The Senate Committee, of which Mr. Teller is Chairman, have examined this week about 60 witnesses. They came from Natchitoches, Tensas, and Caddo Parishes.

Counties are called parishes in Louisiana.

These witnesses have exhibited the nature of "self-government," (the italics as well as the phrase is from the President's inaugural address,) and they have illustrated what is meant by "Home Rule" in this region of our great Republic.

I have listened to all of this sad and weary testimony. But I do not propose to repeat, even in the swiftest summary, the shocking incidents of the story of the last election as told by the executioners of its criminal and its shameful acts.

II.

The essential features of the campaign can be rapidly sketched, and I have neither time nor the inclination to do more.

The Autumnal election was the inevitable result of the inauguration of a State Government chosen by a minority of the legal citizens of Louisiana. What "national statesmen" insisted on as "a necessity" in the government of the State, the local politicians insisted was equally a necessity in the government of its parishes. It was resolved that the Intelligence and Integrity of the parishes should rule them without regard to the numerical preponderance of the legal voters, who were decreed to be destitute alike of Intelligence and Integrity. It was resolved, also, that all the white Democrats were men of Intelligence and Integrity, and it is universally admitted here—among all "men of honor, Sir, and high character"—that the black Republicans have no Intelligence, and the white Republicans no Integrity.

There was a common and fixed purpose to create a solid Democratic State; but the agencies for the execution of this universal resolve appear to have been confided quite largely to the Intelligence and Integrity of the individual parishes.

Hence, where these were men of kindly and civilized instincts the political science of bulldozing was exhibited in its humane aspects; while its coarser and its criminal features were displayed with hideous distinctness in parishes infested by ruffians or controlled by leaders of violent temper. But, whatever the method, "gentlemen" and "bandits" were equally inflexible in their purpose to carry the election for Intelligence and Integrity.

III.

In Natchitoches (pronounced Nakatosh) the leader of the Democracy is a young gentleman of fine personal appearance and a pleasant address. He is a lawyer. In that parish the Republican leaders, both white and black, were driven into exile—"charitably exiled," was the polite term selected to describe their expulsion; but no more physical force was used than was absolutely necessary to insure that result. There were no assassinations of negroes, nor whippings, nor any other violent methods of electioneering.

Political managers who should conduct a campaign in this fashion in the North or West would probably be shot before the election, and certainly they would be sent to the penitentiary if they survived it. Here they are sent to the Legislature. Each section of our favored country has its own distinctive usages, and far be it from me to interfere, even by the expression of a preference, with Home Rule or State rights in such mere minor matters of detail. I take pleasure in saying that the leader of the Natchitoches Democracy is the best of all the bull-dozers I have ever met, and that I have quite a kindly sentiment toward him. There are bull-dozers and bull-dozers, and I prefer the clean-shirted and kid-gloved variety.

There never were any carpet-baggers in Natchitoches Parish; the Republican officers there were ex-Confederate soldiers, supplemented by a few intelligent colored men; there had been no corruption and no stealing, and no local misgovernment in the parish, and the blacks were and are solidly, and, perhaps, even solidly, Republicans—and in an overwhelming numerical majority. No Republican ticket was nominated at the last election. The parish is under Home Rule now.

IV.

Tensas is an equally strong Republican parish. It had been well governed, it had been entirely exempt from "the curse of Northern adventurers," and the blacks had always elected Southern-born whites who had fought for the Lost Cause (now found again) as officers, with a smaller proportion of honest men of their own color and race. Democrats attest these facts. The original plan of the Democratic leaders in this parish did equal credit to their strategic skill, and, to be entirely courteous, to their capacity to rise superior to their own political prejudices. The two Republican white leaders were able men, but it cannot be denied that they were scalawags—the most detested by stalwart Democrats of all classes of Southern men. A scalawag is a Southern white gentleman who believes in the political creed of Abraham Lincoln and Charles Sumner. It was reckoned that if these two scalawags "came over" and consented to run on the Democratic ticket they might bring over a number of the negroes with them. This would be the cheapest and quietest way of managing the campaign in the interests of the Democracy. These two office-holders, without consulting the Republicans of the Parish, or any of them, did so, and by the concurrence of the Democratic Committee in this arrangement the Democratic Parish Ticket was nominated. No convention was called to consider or ratify this fusion.

The colored leader of the Republicans was a man of excellent character, and universally respected by both races—a Baptist preacher, and a hard-working farmer, who owned his own home and 80 acres of good land, well stocked. He saw through this scheme, and resolved to defeat it. He was a candidate for Congress. With a fair count he was absolutely certain of an election by an overwhelming majority. He desired and obtained a conference with the Democratic Parish Committee, and was ready to propose a compromise. They heard him, but declined to negotiate with him, although he had been duly authorized by a Party Convention to treat with them. They stated that they had already arranged with the Republican Party, through the two candidates already spoken of, who had received no authority from any body of Republicans to treat with them. They were satisfied. Why should not he be satisfied? Fairfax then consulted with his friends, and they determined to make up a ticket of Democrats exclusively—all white men—planters and old citizens. These gentlemen accepted the offer to run an opposition ticket on the condition that they should run distinctively as Democrats. They had been lifelong Democrats, and they are Democrats to-day. They were willing that Fairfax should run for Congress if they were invested with the local authority. A Republican Convention was to be called on Monday, Oct. 18, to ratify this judicious compact. This masterly movement forgotten to defeat the plans of the copperheads, as well as to destroy the prospect of electing a Democratic Congressman. The Democratic committee knew that the new Democratic candidates could not be bull-dozed, for they, too, were men of Intelligence and Integrity, and in Louisiana it is a well-attested fact that all men of Integrity and Intelligence are not wholly unfamiliar with the use of carnal weapons.

V.

There was now only one plan by which Fairfax could be defeated. He must be "remonstrated with" by the "regular" friends of Integrity and Intelligence. An armed company of men from an adjoining county, but in the same Congressional District, rode up late one night to Fairfax's house to "remonstrate" with him. This is the theory of their friends. The Remonstrants were led by Capt. Peck, whom a leading Democratic witness, a prominent planter and an old citizen, described as a man of "high character and high ancestry." The Remonstrants rapidly approached the house. After dismounting, the advance, led by Capt. Peck, rushed up to the door. They pushed past Mrs. Fairfax, who had opened it. As soon as the Captain saw Mr. Fairfax he opened his remarks, (in remonstrance,) by saying, "These is that ——now!" and then fired his revolver at him. The ball missed the preacher and entered the door near him. Mr. Fairfax ran. A second shot missed him. He escaped. Capt. Peck then fired four balls (in remonstrance) into another colored man who was in the room. This man died after a few days of agony. Two other colored men were also badly wounded. Mr. Fairfax had a brother, but he escaped unharmed. There were four women in the house at the time. They fled to a neighbor's cabin as soon as the firing began. While the firing was going on in the rooms, the Remonstrants outside shot wildly through the windows. They killed their leader. They then returned home, carrying his riddled carcass with them. The women and the two wounded survivors gave a clear and graphic account of this affray.

Now was the time for Gov. Nicholls to redeem his promises to President Hayes. Prompt action was taken to vindicate the violated majesty of the law by the friends of Intelligence and Integrity. No investigation of the attack on Mr. Fairfax's house was made; there was no effort instituted to discover the names of the men who followed the lead of Capt. Peck; but a warrant was quickly issued for the arrest of Mr. Fairfax, charging him with the murder of Capt. Peck! This action is in strict accordance with the code that governs the conduct of Home Rulers in Louisiana.

VI.

Other companies hastened to the Parish. Of course, it was reported that the negroes were in arms, and that the lives of the whites were in imminent danger. One company crossed from Mississippi. They were significantly and speedily notified by the white supporters of the Independent Ticket that this was "not a niggers' war," but a quarrel between white Democrats, and that they had better return to their own State. They went back.

VII.

Meanwhile, one of the armed companies that marched through the parish came to a thickly-peopled negro settlement and fired a murderous volley into their quarters at Bazee's Lane. They reported that they had been fired into by the negroes. One of them, examined under oath, attests that he heard no firing, although, as he was in the ranks, he must necessarily have heard the shots, if there had been any shots from the negroes. But, according to the Captain's statement, eight negroes were killed at the time.

VIII.

One attempt to overawe the white Independent Democrats was promptly withdrawn. They were Southern white men, and they would not listen to a remonstrance. Five other negroes were killed in this parish. This statement comes from Democratic testimony. But the reports at the time gave a larger list of slain, and the Senate investigation has not yet been considered.

This series of episodes accomplished its purpose. There was no Republican candidate for Congress in Tensas Parish. The race issue was raised, and then the Independent Democratic parish ticket was defeated by fraud.

IX.

Caddo Parish is in the western part of the State. It is a strong Republican parish, with a large black population, and yet it was absolutely necessary that the Democrats should carry it in order to elect another Congressman. In neither of these districts, under a fair count, could any Democratic candidate secure even a respectable minority vote.

There was intimidation at the meetings of colored voters during that campaign. But the Republican leaders had adopted the wise policy of selecting young white Democrats exclusively—or with but a single exception—for their local candidates in order to divide the white or Democratic vote and to secure the support of the fighting race. The blacks were urged to support them for the reason that they were young men, and not wedded as the old men were wedded, to the theories of *ante-bellum* times. References to the days of slavery were denounced as "incendiary," and all illustrations showing that the negroes were still toiling for inadequate pay—as by the system of leasing and "advances"—that prevailed in that parish were fiercely decried by the Democratic leaders as efforts to incite labor against capital.

X.

The ballot-box at one precinct was placed in a "bull-dozing district," so difficult to reach that, in ordinary weather, as one witness said, "only a duck or a bird could get to it" from the lands where the masses of the negroes worked. A party of 300 or more blacks traveled about 35 miles to get to it; traveled through thickets and swamps—for the Democrats had taken the precaution to remove the ferry-boat. After this box had been used all day, a party of armed white men seized it and destroyed it.

XI.

At another precinct—Caledonia—between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, a company of mounted men, not residents of the settlement, nor voters there, arrived, every man fully armed, and under military command. Shortly afterward two white men began to wrestle, and in the course of their scuffle they ran against a lame black man. He asked them civilly to "keep off his leg." The Republicans assert that this scuffle was a pretext to begin a riot. It is certain that one of the whites immediately accused the black man of striking him, and then called loudly for his shot-gun. Another white man began to fire his revolver. The blacks scattered, or, as the phrase here is, "they squandered." They ran to the house of a colored man near by, the only colored candidate on the ticket. Instantly the cry was raised that they were running for their guns. In this house there were four or five shot-guns, which had been kept there for several days, because threats had been made by a personal enemy—also a colored man—to set his cotton-gin on fire.

Quick volleys were fired by the whites. Seven or eight negroes were killed; one white man was wounded.

This riot would seem to be a senseless as well as brutal slaughter—certainly rather a drunken than a political affray—if one could keep out of sight the simultaneous arrival of the armed men. The negroes had voted; the Democrats had sole control of the ballot-boxes. What benefit could come from a riot in the evening? In the morning a riot might have dispersed the voters; but now what political purpose could it serve?

The Republicans says that it was intended to arouse the animosity of race in order to prevent a fair count; for the white friends of the Independent candidates were present at the polls, and they would have seen to it that there was either an honest return or a "regular" Democratic funeral. The race issue once raised, even these men were powerless.

And, if this was the purpose, it was entirely successful, for the parish and this ward of it was returned as having voted for the Bourbon branch of the Democracy.

XII.

Thus, in Caddo and in Tensas, by raising the race issue—by threats, and by the slaughter of the blacks—the Independent Democrats were defeated. In Natchitoches, the Democrats, by "charitably exiling" the Republican leaders, achieved the same conciliatory results. By similar expedients, in other parishes, two members of Congress were secured in the strongest Republican districts of the Gulf States.

XIII.

There were no outrages in the sugar-growing parishes. Cotton is no longer a king. Cotton is a bull-dozer now. Sugar is the true conciliator. Why? Because before the season of the political campaign ends the cotton crop is gathered for the most part, and even when the negroes are driven from their plantations there is no vital injury done to the planters. But, in the sugar-growing parishes, the campaign is begun, carried on, and ended in the height of the season, and bull-dozing, by demoralizing labor, would bring instant ruin on the planters. The bull-dozers have not interfered with the black sugar-growers of Louisiana since 1868. The negroes there elect the planters and other whites to the local offices, and they are allowed to vote as they please for Governmental and legislative candidates.

XIV.

By and by the bull-dozer will be brought face to face with the planter. Amite County, in Mississippi, was nearly ruined by the bull-dozer. As long as the negro was the sole victim of outrage no planter seized his shot-gun to defend him. But, seeing the approaching ruin, they organized as "Moderators," and sternly threatened the bull-dozing "Regulators." They conquered a peace, yet not until many of them who had once urged on the Regulators had been made bankrupts by the exodus of the negro.

The future of the negro is not wholly dark here, although the present is gloomy enough. Greek will meet Greek, by and by, and the Greek who owns the soil will win, and the negro will share his victory. J. R.

THE SITUATION IN THE EAST.

GREECE'S FRONTIER DEMANDS—RUMORS OF SHERE ALI'S RETURN TO KABUL.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Reuter's dispatch from Athens says that Mukhtar Pasha has decided on Janina as the meeting-place of the Frontier Commission. The Greek delegates will be instructed to insist on the cession of Janina. The Greek journals urge the Government to remain firm on this point.

VIENNA, Jan. 19.—The *Fremdenblatt* is authorized to deny that Austria has any intention of advancing to Salonica.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Lahore states that various unauthenticated rumors are current that Shere Ali is returning to Kabul.

A dispatch from Kandahar reports that Gens. Stewart and Biddulph are reconnoitring toward Kalat-i-Ghilzai, on the road to Kabul, and Girishk, on the road to Herat.

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

GERMANY'S SAMOAN DEMANDS—THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND'S RIGHTS—THE ACCIDENT TO THE FRIGATE CONSTITUTION.

BERNE, Jan. 19.—The popular vote throughout Switzerland has resulted in a large majority in favor of subvention to the St. Gothard and other Alpine railways.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—The *North German Gazette* denies the sensational reports relative to Germany's intended action toward the Samoan Islanders, and states that Germany will merely keep sufficient naval force in the neighborhood to retain possession of two small ports on the Island of Upola, which she seized and will hold as a pledge until the Samoan Government grants Germany her treaty rights.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The *Standard's* correspondent at Copenhagen reports a sensational rumor that Prussia is negotiating to obtain a renunciation by the Duke of Cumberland of his rights to Hanover in return for the cession of Northern Schleswig to him.

Capt. Badger, of the United States frigate Constitution, says, in regard to the grounding of the ship, that judging from the time he had sailed he supposed he was 2½ miles from the English coast when the ship struck. He believes he must have been carried out of his reckoning by the current. After getting afloat, the ship had a narrow escape, as the tow-rope broke when passing the Needles. One of the Constitution's boats capsized off Cowes, and two of its occupants were rescued with difficulty.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—The *République Française*, M. Gambetta's organ, says the Ministry, by choosing a policy of inaction, has signed its own doom.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The *Standard's* Paris correspondent says that, at a meeting of Bonapartists, on Sunday, M. Rouher and a majority of those present considered that the Bonapartists should show that their first object was to preserve conservative principles. The minority favored a precipitation of the crisis.

The *Times'* Paris dispatch says the tone of the Radical organs is growing stronger. The ordeal is very serious, as behind the agitation for the dismissal of officials is an attack of the Jacobins on gradual legal reforms.

THE ENGLISH LABOR TROUBLES.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The North Wales Miners' Association has resolved to vote £7 to every member of the union who desires to emigrate to America, and £14 to emigrants to Australia.

Notices were posted on Saturday by the Iron Trade Employers' Association in the iron ship-building yards and foundries in Liverpool and the districts around, of a reduction in wages of 7½ per cent after the 31st of January. It is thought the men will strike.

At a meeting of Great Northern Railway employes, held in London to-day, (Sunday,) the men pledged themselves to oppose any reduction in wages. The decision of the Directors of the road will be made known on Tuesday.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Six engineering firms at Huddersfield have locked out their workmen for refusing to consent to an extension of the hours of labor.

A TERRIBLE COLLISION AT SEA.

CORUNNA, Spain, Jan. 19.—The Spanish steamer Yrurac Bat, from Baltimore via Liverpool, has arrived here in a damaged condition. She reports that she was in collision with a British sailing vessel, the Lancashire Witch, which sunk with all on board. The steamer's bows were broken in.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

An unusual light on the second floor of the brick buildings Nos. 60 and 62 Clinton-street was noticed by Patrolman Taylor of the Eleventh precinct, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, and investigation showed that the building was on fire. The floor is occupied as a cabinet-maker's shop by Herman Bartelmes, and a bundle of paper soaked in kerosene was blazing at the base of a wooden pillar. The officer put out the fire and reported the case to Capt. Cherry, who searched the building thoroughly, and found that the door leading into the store of Samuel Plant's National Printing Company on the first floor had been broken into, but nothing was missed by that firm. Isidore Cohen, a tailor, on the third floor, also had the door of his shop broken open, and 25 coats were missing. They were valued at $200, and it is supposed that the burglars set fire to the building. The loss to Mr. Bartelmes is $25. He reports having seen several suspicious persons around the building lately. Fire Marshal Sheldon will make an investigation.

On Saturday morning, at 1 o'clock, all the business portion of Allensville, Ky., was destroyed by fire. Mr. Adams, a dry goods dealer, had $15,000 worth of stock, occupying a two-story brick building. He had an insurance of $6,500 on the stock, but nothing on the building. Adams Express Company lost a considerable amount. A number of other stores were burned out. A lady owning a millinery establishment lost her entire stock, and a trunk containing $100 in silver. The total loss will reach from $30,000 to $35,000. There was but little insurance. The fire is supposed to have been started by an incendiary for the purpose of plunder.

A fire broke out at 9 o'clock last night in the millinery store of Louis Drucker, No. 194 Division-street, originating in some unknown manner, and before the flames could be extinguished the stock in the store was almost completely destroyed. The loss is reported at $3,500. The building is owned by Maria Kutzer, and was damaged to the amount of $600. Drucker is insured for $2,400.

A LIGHT SENTENCE FOR MURDER.

YORK, Penn., Jan. 19.—The jury in the case of William Matson, on trial for the murder of Erastus D. King, in August last, yesterday rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. Matson was sentenced to three years and three months in the Penitentiary.

ASSAULT ON ORANGEMEN.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—Two Orange Young Britons were brutally assaulted last night while on their way home by a party of roughs. They both received severe wounds about the head.

THE NATION'S LEGISLATURE

WORK BEFORE THE HOUSE TO-DAY.

THE FIRST CALL OF THE STATES FOR BILLS SINCE THE HOLIDAY RECESS BEGAN—A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW MEASURES EXPECTED—MR. WRIGHT'S LAND SCHEME—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BILLS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—In the House to-morrow the States will be called for the introduction of bills for reference to committees, and as there has been no call of States since the holiday recess, the introduction of a large number of bills of every character may be expected. Bills introduced from this time forward will not, however, stand much chance of receiving the attention of the House, for the reason that there is now on the calendar a greater number of bills awaiting action than can be disposed of by March 4. In six weeks from Tuesday next the time of the Forty-fifth Congress will expire, and most of that time will be required to consider the regular appropriation bills, the largest and most important of which have not yet been matured by the Committee on Appropriations. In addition to the appropriation bills, there is a number of important public measures, and several hundred pension and other private bills on the calendar, while the Speaker's table is well loaded with business from the Senate in the form of bills passed by the Senate and bills returned to the House with Senate amendments. Perhaps the most important of these is the Senate bill to extend the time for the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad, upon which the friends of that company are anxious to secure final action.

No opportunity to enter the motion to suspend the rules, which can only be made on Mondays after the call of States is completed, has been presented since Dec. 17, when that motion was entered by Mr. Wright of Pennsylvania in order to take up and pass his bill to lend $500 to each settler on the public lands under the Homestead laws, which motion is now pending as the unfinished business for to-morrow after the morning hour. Unfortunately for Mr. Wright and others who have measures which they want to pass in this manner, no opportunity will be offered to-morrow to suspend the rules. The Committee on the District of Columbia is entitled to the third Monday of each month, after 2 o'clock, for the exclusive consideration of business relating to the District, and as that committee has several important measures to bring forward, it will certainly claim the floor at the hour designated. Should any member desire to defeat a vote on Mr. Wright's bill to-morrow, and prevent any other member from making the motion to suspend the rules, he can do so by a demand for the reading of all bills presented for reference, which would consume the time up to 2 o'clock, while it is probable that a vote will be allowed on Mr. Wright's bill, it is not likely that any other measure will be permitted to be brought forward on a motion to suspend the rules, for the reason that fears are entertained that some obnoxious financial measure might be thrust upon the House, and while it is well known that no measure of this kind could be passed, members desire to avoid being forced to vote upon such questions merely to satisfy a few demagogues who are actuated solely by a desire to make what they call "a record."

DELAYED APPROPRIATION BILLS.

ARE THE DEMOCRATS WORKING FOR AN EXTRA SESSION?—THE EARLY ZEAL OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FOLLOWED BY DILATORY TACTICS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—There are increasing evidences that the Administration has under consideration a reorganization of the civil service in the South. As will be well remembered, it was represented at the commencement of President Hayes' government that the disorganization of government and society in the Southern States was largely due to the assumed fact that officers intrusted with the execution of Federal laws were aliens to the people among whom they lived, generally unpopular and discreditable to the Administration and party by which they were maintained, and that Southern Democrats dedged the law chiefly because they detested its instruments. At the same time, it was represented that were the Administration to intrust the offices in question to men in harmony with, and agreeable to, "the people" of the South, a new era of respect for, and obedience to, the United States laws would follow. Accepting this view of the situation, the Administration entered upon the experiment of complying with the demands made by Southern Democrats. The result is well known. In most of the Southern States the law officers of President Grant's Administration have been replaced by Democrats or lukewarm Republicans who are indorsed by the leading men of the White League. In spite of these changes, however, the manufacture of "moonshine" whisky goes on with even more energy than before "the era of reconciliation." A Democratic District Attorney in South Carolina did not restrain the red-shirt rifle clubs in 1878 more effectually than the Republican officials were able to do in 1876. A Democratic United States Marshal in Georgia has proved that he is unable to prevent the grossest violations of the revenue laws in that State and in Louisiana. A Marshal appointed upon the recommendation of leading Democrats was unable to restrain the political murderers of Tensas and Caddo more effectually than the Republican Marshal Pitkin was able to restrain these fellows in Feliciana and Ouachita. On the other hand, the frauds in New-Orleans, which Mr. Pitkin rendered impossible in 1876, Marshal Wharton permitted to pass unchallenged in 1878. These facts, with many specifications and details, are now being pressed upon the attention of the Administration, and there is good ground for the belief that important changes will shortly be made among the Federal officials in Georgia, Louisiana, and South Carolina. For the Marshalship of Louisiana the ex-Marshal, Mr. Pitkin, is the most prominent candidate. He is indorsed by all the strong Republicans of New-Orleans, and by leading business men. The President is reported as having stated that the application of his friends was receiving the most favorable consideration.

THE CHEYENNE OUTBREAK.

A DENIAL OF THE REPORT THAT RATIONS WERE WITHHELD FROM THE INDIANS—ARMY OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELAY IN THEIR TRANSFER TO THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Indian Bureau has been accused of withholding from the Cheyennes who recently escaped from the custody of the military authorities at Fort Robinson certain rations to which the Indians are entitled under treaty stipulations, and a report made by Agent Miles on Sept. 30 has been quoted to sustain this charge. An examination of the facts shows that no blame properly attaches to the Indian Bureau in reference to improper treatment of the Cheyennes, and that the charge that the Indians were unlawfully denied coffee and sugar is erroneous, and proceeds from a misunderstanding as to the provisions of the law by which the Secretary of the Interior is bound in issuing rations and annuities to Indians. After making his report of Sept. 30, in which he said, "the full list of rations named in their [the Cheyennes'] treaty of 1876 had not been furnished them," Agent Miles made a more thorough examination to ascertain how far the treaty had been complied with in the matter of furnishing the Indians the rations which they had been promised, and he discovered, to his surprise, that, although they had not been furnished three pounds of beans to each 100 rations, and had not always been regularly supplied with corn, they had, in conformity with treaty stipulations, been supplied with the full equivalent for those commodities. Agent Miles found, in fact, that the Indians had received more than is required by the treaty.

It is true that the rations of coffee and sugar were withheld from all Indians who refused to work, but this was done in accordance with law, and not for the purpose of disciplining the Indians. The coffee and sugar rations are offered the Indians to induce them to perform agricultural or some other useful labor, and unless such labor is performed the Indian Bureau is required to withhold those articles. The act of March 3, 1875, section 3, provides: "That for the purpose of inducing Indians to labor and become self-supporting, it is provided that hereafter, in distributing the supplies and annuities to the Indians for whom the same are appropriated, the agent distributing the same shall require all able-bodied male Indians between the ages of 18 and 45 to perform services upon the reservation for the benefit of themselves or the tribe, at a reasonable rate, to be fixed by the agent in charge, and to an amount equal in value to the supplies to be delivered, and the allowances provided for such Indians shall be distributed to them only upon condition of the performance of such labor under such rules and regulations as the agent may prescribe: Provided, that the Secretary of the Interior may, by written order, except any particular tribe, or portion of a tribe, from the operations of this provision where he deems it proper and expedient." It will thus be seen that the Secretary of the Interior is bound by law to demand that the Indians shall work for their annuities and rations, and as coffee and sugar are regarded by them as articles of luxury, the least that the Secretary can do consistently with the law is to insist that coffee and sugar shall only be issued to such Indians as will "perform service upon the reservation for the benefit of themselves or of the tribe."

The allegation that the dead of Winter was chosen for the return of the Cheyennes to the Indian Territory is not correct. On Nov. 16, while the weather was mild and pleasant, the Indian Bureau requested the military authorities to transfer the Cheyennes, then in their charge as prisoners, to the Indian Territory. The military made no movement in the matter until five weeks later, when a request was made upon the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for supplies of additional clothing for the Indians. The delay, therefore, in the movement to transfer them is not chargeable to the Interior Department, but to those officers in whose charge they were as prisoners of war.

TALES FOR THE MARINES.

SOME OF THE ASTOUNDING STATEMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION ORGAN REGARDING THE NEW-YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE CASES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The *Republican* of to-morrow will print the following upon the subject of the New-York nominations:

"It is now very generally conceded that the New-York Custom-house nominations will be eventually confirmed. No action will be had in the premises, however, until after a reply has been received from Collector Arthur by the Senate Commerce Committee to the charges alleged against him in the Executive Message sent to the Senate last Wednesday. These charges are capable of ready and satisfactory explanation, in the opinion of Senator Conkling and his friends, and if they are so explained, the rejection of the pending nomination of Messrs. Merritt, Bast, and Graham may cease. But it is confidently believed in Administration circles that they cannot be so easily answered or disposed of. Among them is an explicit charge that, owing to Gen. Arthur's remissness, the Government lost $875,000 per annum of Customs duties on kid gloves, $3,000,000 per annum on silks, and $6,000,000 on sugars, although it is proper to add that a portion of this loss on sugars is not directly chargeable to the New-York Custom-house."

IMPORTANT COINAGE BILLS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Committee on Coinage has agreed upon three bills, which the Chairman—Mr. Stephens—is authorized to report to the House, when that committee is called. The first bill is to redeem trade dollars at par and recoin them into standard silver dollars. The second provides for the retirement of subsidiary silver coins and their recoinage into legal tender dollars. The third is intended to equalize the double metal standard by making it 16 of silver to 1 of gold, instead of 15½ to 1, as at present. The report on the metric system, upon which this committee has been working for some time, will be ready on Wednesday next, and will be presented to the House as soon as possible. It is very comprehensive, and is designed not only to give an authentic history of this system, but to furnish convenient and accurate data for reference.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 1879.

Judge Hunt's condition seems to have changed for the worse. He is very sick to-night, but his physician says he does not consider that he is in any immediate danger.

Owing to a difference of opinion regarding the transaction of certain business of the Indian Office, Mr. William M. Leede, the Chief Clerk of that office, has been suspended for 30 days, during which time there will be an investigation into the existing difficulties. The authorities at the Interior Department are very reticent concerning the affair. Rumors were in circulation that other officers belonging to this office were in trouble, but this is positively denied.

Since the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States sustaining the anti-polygamy law of Congress as applicable to Utah, there has been an increase of petitions from women in all parts of the country asking Congress to make effective the anti-polygamy law of 1862. The Committees on the Judiciary have charge of the subject. Petitions are also received in increased numbers asking for the prevention of the adulteration of sugars and other sweets, and also for the prevention of the adulteration of food.

OHIO POLITICAL SENTIMENT.

THE REPUBLICAN PROGRAMME FAVORABLY RECEIVED—MR. GARFIELD'S SENATORIAL ASPIRATIONS.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 19.—Much satisfaction is expressed by prominent members of the Republican Party in this State with the announcement which was telegraphed from Washington last week, that the programme of the party was to nominate Garfield and Foster for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor next Fall; and although a denial has followed it, still it seems to be generally believed. It is felt that much depends upon the success of the party next Fall, and that the only thing necessary to insure success is the right kind of candidates. Garfield and Foster would make an invincible team. It is understood that Garfield does not desire the Governorship, but he is a confessed candidate for the Senatorship. Without a special effort, it will be difficult for the Republicans to carry the State, and with a Democratic Legislature, Mr. Garfield's chance for the Senatorship are gone. When the victory is won, however, Garfield can be elected Senator, and then Foster will succeed to the Governorship. The opinion of some of the members of the Legislature, with whom the TIMES' correspondent has conversed, is that all that has been said against Garfield would be brought up, and a bitter personal fight made, but the same men say that this would amount to nothing, as he is always able to carry everything before him in a canvass, and has already exploded these charges. Garfield is thought to be ambitious enough and sufficiently alive to his own interests to see that he cannot fail to be a favorite if he is able to carry the State in such a closely-contested election as that of next Fall promises to be. It is thought by some members of the Legislature that the coming canvass will partake much of the bitterness of the Rough-Vallandigham struggle of 1863. The Democrats will in some way woo the Nationals into the fold of their party, and the two united will make a very strong effort to carry the State. They will not do this, however, as the party has too much of a load to carry.

BUTLER'S PLANS AND HOPES.

HIS FRIENDS ANNOUNCE THAT HE WILL RUN FOR GOVERNOR AGAIN—AN ORGAN TO BE STARTED TO REVILE REPUBLICAN LEADERS.

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—Notwithstanding that the Democratic State Committee was organized last week almost wholly in the interest of the old leaders, and the Butler Democrats were shoved to the rear, it is as confidently asserted as ever that "the General" will run again next Fall. Senator French, his chief man in the Legislature, and his partner in many profitable business schemes, says there is no doubt of it. He and the other Butler men in the Legislature talk freely of their purposes in the next campaign. "No matter," they say, "how many of the Republican legislators go, we shall be able to make plenty of issues. Whatever measure of retrenchment they may affect, we can honestly claim it to be the result of the 'Butler scare.' If they accomplish little, we can point to their incompetency to effect a genuine reform. Whatever they do, we shall have 'em." A prominent Boston Butler leader is quoted as saying: "One thing we shall not do; we shall not continue the experiment of subsidizing a Boston organ, but we shall issue a campaign daily, manned by sharp young journalists, who will be furnished with plenty of 'points' on which to impale Republican leaders. It will be a war without mercy. We were too lenient last time. Other reputations than ours must suffer, and Gen. Butler's has still supply 'bricks' enough." The experiment of establishing a Boston organ, referred to above, it is believed, has really proved a costly and unsatisfactory one to Butler and the friends who joined him in it, and reports of his intention of purchasing a controlling interest in a paper, or starting a new venture, preferring rather to own than to bribe, have long been circulated about town.

ARCHBISHOP PURCELL'S TROUBLES.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROPERTY IN CINCINNATI TO BE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF TRUSTEES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ARCHIEPISCOPAL SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITORS.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 19.—The greater part of the property of the Catholic Church in Cincinnati and vicinity will to-morrow be turned over to a Board of Trustees to be managed in the interest of the creditors of Archbishop Purcell. The property consists of St. Peter's Cathedral, St. Joseph's Seminary, the orphan asylum at Cumminsville, the Consisling property on Price's Hill, the Cathedral school-house, corner of Elizabeth and Mound streets, the old St. John's Hospital corner of Third and Plum streets, together with a large amount of personal securities, notes, mortgages, accounts, &c. The Trustees are Fathers P. A. Quinn, of the Cathedral; J. C. Albrinck, of Holy Trinity Church; Charles Stewart, a paper dealer; Joseph P. Rogers, Treasurer of the Marine Railway, and Joseph Grever, of Grever, Tanzeman & Co. This board will hereafter manage all of the financial affairs of the diocese in the interest of the members of the church who have deposited their savings with the Archbishop. A thorough examination of the situation disclosed the fact that the liabilities of the Archiepiscopal Savings Bank are about $500,000. The property turned over to secure the debt is worth at least $1,000,000, but if it should prove inadequate, every building and piece of ground in Cincinnati owned by the Catholic Church will be placed in the hands of the Trustees. The Trustees have determined to issue bonds to the amount of the indebtedness, which bonds will be payable at any time after three years and within 20; they will bear 5 per cent. interest, and the property turned over to the Trustees will be pledged for their redemption. Catholic people are much pleased at the prospect of a speedy termination of the troubles which have embarrassed the Church. The desire for the retention of the Archbishop in his high office is general among all classes. The report that his resignation has been accepted at Rome is not credited here.

A DEFAULTING BANK TELLER.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 19.—William E. Coffin, until lately the trusted Teller of Lafayette Bank of this City, is a defaulter and fugitive. The managers of the bank are very reticent in regard to the matter, but declare that the deficit will not exceed $10,000. Outside estimates place the amount as high as $25,000. Coffin has been living a fast life for some time, but succeeded so well in covering up his excesses that his employers had no knowledge of what was going on. About two weeks ago he left the city, and his desk has been vacant ever since. His protracted absence led to an examination of his accounts, when it was discovered that special deposits had been tampered with to the amount named above. Those who are familiar with his manner of life of late believe that he has been stealing for some time. There is a woman in the case, who is supposed to be with him in his flight. The Lafayette Bank is one of the oldest and most conservative banking institutions in the West.

THE MURDER OF MITCHELL AND KETCHUM.

OMAHA, Jan. 19.—The Olive brothers, one of whom is charged with being the principal in the brutal murder of Mitchell and Ketchum, are very wealthy cattle men. One who lives in Texas has come to Nebraska to help save I. P. Olive and his fellow-prisoners (nine in number) from the gallows. The ablest legal talent in the State has already been retained in their defense. The prosecution claim that the chain of evidence is complete, and that every one of the prisoners will be convicted. So certain of conviction is the prosecuting officer that he will probably refuse to take the testimony of two of the prisoners who have manifested a desire "to turn State's evidence."

ONTARIO'S NEW CHIEF-JUSTICE.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—At 11 o'clock to-morrow the Governor-General will administer the oath of office to Hon. W. J. Ritchie, the new Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court. Immediately afterward Judge Taschereau and, possibly, Judge Guynn, will be sworn in by the Chief-Justice. The court will open at 12 o'clock to-morrow.

THE BREAK IN THE DIRECT CABLE.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 19.—The break in the direct cable, which occurred on the 4th inst., has been located in water from 20 to 25 fathoms deep about six miles from Tuxbay. Arrangements to overrun and repair it are now in progress.

THE ELECTION IN FRANCE.

PROBABLE RESULTS OF A REPUBLICAN SENATE.

EXPLANATION OF THE TRIUMPH—JUBILATION AND AFTERTHOUGHT—CONJECTURES AS TO CHANGES—CAN GAMBETTA RESTRAIN THE EXTREMISTS?—A GLANCE AT THE AFGHAN SITUATION.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday, Jan. 6, 1879.

The results of yesterday's Senatorial election can be a surprise to no one, except, perhaps, to some few ingenuous Orleanists, who imagined that the coalition of a number of well-meaning, impracticable individualities of widely-divergent opinions and preferences, without a flag or a programme, could compass the ruin of an established régime in the name of abstract principles. The so-called "Union Conservative" was beaten everywhere, and its defeat is the logical

is now under discussion, and half a dozen Prefects and sub-Prefects will be shelved or sent to other posts of honor and profit. Yet all is speculation on these points, the only sure thing being the dismissal of the Minister of War, in favor of some parliamentary personality, who will apply energetically the military laws voted since 1872, and teach the Army that it belongs to a live Republic, not to that makeshift institution which, for want of a better name, was called the Septennate. The question of the impeachment of the last Ministry is, however, sure to come upon the tapis, and when it does, we shall have trouble. M. Gambetta is understood to be opposed to it as a dangerous precedent, which might serve against him and his coadjutors, should the reactionaries ever get the upper hand, as they may do when the French shall have tired of their present idols. M. Dufaure reasons in the same way, but takes also the higher ground of political morality, and the Marshal positively threatens to resign if his former servants be attacked for obedience to his orders. It is hard to see a way out of the dilemma, and the devil and the deep sea comparison again becomes apposite for those who stand between electoral pressure and a resistance which may split up their new compact majority. Perhaps there may be a compromise, in the shape of a law concerning the real responsibility of Ministers, which will morally castigate the culprits of the 16th May, and if this have a corollary of two or three modifications of the Constitution, in a strictly Republican sense, it will be accepted by the electors, particularly if further supplemented with a weeding out of all magistrates suspected of monarchical leanings, and with some good, thorough prosecutions of clerical establishments. However, to sum up the French situation, I can only say that anything is possible, but that the probabilities are in favor of home complications.

The news from Afghanistan is vague and unsatisfactory, yet the anxious and almost despondent tone of even the British Government organs seems to indicate that the Anglo-Indian forces will not reach Kabul in a simple *Veni vidi vici promenade militaire*. About a fortnight ago the talented but imaginative correspondent of the *Daily News* informed his patrons that all was over but shouting; and now it seems that he was misinformed, and that Yakoob Khan, so far from having come to Jalalabad to sue for peace, is raising an army and preparing for a serious resistance, while his respectable parent has gone on to St. Petersburg with his family, and 70 lacs of rupees, to ask for Muscovite help and the interference of a European congress. Evidently the poor man is not well posted upon the results of the Berlin meeting, or he would not lose his time in that way, but rather treat directly with the invaders, who, I fancy, would be very glad to get to the other side of the Indus in safety. Major Golam Natchabund, whoever he may be—and he must be somebody, as his "report" is honored with the title of official—says that there will be no resistance, and that the Afghans don't mean to fight; but who says native means liar, and therefore I am inclined to think that the Major wanted to please the British authorities and get back to his family somehow or other. John Bull is kept in woful ignorance of the Asiatic situation, as the correspondents, either because they do not know anything or because they are not allowed to tell it, are not up to their reputation. But, then, why will newspapers send out men who, in their lofty conviction of the superiority of the pen over the sword, lose no opportunity of stirring their sentiments of supreme contempt for the professional soldier? They make themselves enemies of those from whom they might obtain useful information, and the public suffers for their want of tact and breeding. They were humble enough when with the Russians last Summer; but so soon as they get among their own countrymen they seem to consider that highness and mightiness of manner is essential to their importance. It is not to be wondered at, then, that men who themselves criticised ignorantly by scribblers whose strategical qualifications are to have served as a high private in a dragoon regiment which never left the British islands during their term of enlistment, and to have followed in the wake of the German Army as chroniclers of its exploits. No one knows what may be obtained by British gold during the Winter, but if peace be not bought before April, the *Standard's* well for reinforcements will not have been uttered one moment too soon to avert disaster.

HOW MONCASI WAS STRANGLED.

THE WOULD-BE REGICIDE PUBLICLY GARROTED.

Madrid Correspondence of the London Standard.

Long before daylight a stream of people poured out of Madrid on the roads leading to the Saladero Prison, and to the spot called "Campo de Guardias," beyond the northern suburb of Chamberry. It is a lonely, wild, dreary field, something like a common, in view of the distant chain of the Guadarrama, and full in sight of Madrid. It stands between two high roads, and the scaffold had been raised about three feet above the ground, upon large square blocks of stone. It is a rude sort of platform, upon which rises a pole or gibbet, and a wooden bench. The prisoner is made to sit against the gibbet, and is there rapidly strangled by two or three executioners. They had been down to the Campo de Guardias during the night to prepare the scaffold, and they were waiting at daybreak at the Saladero Prison to go through the formality of asking pardon of the convict. In the Saladero it had been a sleepless night with the authorities and those who watched the doomed criminal. Before the day had broke on that cold, chilly morning the priests had aroused Juan Oliva, and had said three masses in succession, while he knelt at last, quite moved and weary, we were told by the Vicar himself. He, however, never, in the course of those 24 hours, expressed any repentance at having attempted to kill the King. He submitted almost cheerfully to be robed in a dark-colored penitent dress and cap. Around his waist was a cord belt and on his cap a cross. His hands were bound, and he very quietly sobbing the exactitude of his unhappy position. At 8 o'clock precisely Judge Molina gave the signal, and all the soldiers in the halls and passages of the Saladero stood to attention. The prisoner was led down stairs by the priests and brethren of the Fay y Caridad. Many of the warders seemed much moved as Moncasi passed, and he nodded to one or two of them. At the door of the Saladero Prison a strong detachment of soldiers of the line was drawn up near to a closed carriage drawn by two mules. An uncouth-looking and ragged driver was on the box, and Moncasi stepped into it without assistance. The two priests sat by his side, and the officer gave the word to move. Preceded by a Black Banner, a French flag, and procession went two strange, pale individuals, accompanied by warders. They were the Calesatre of Valladolid and Jaen, he of Madrid having died lately. Next came the brotherhood with lighted tapers, and a priest in robes bearing aloft a crucifix. Moncasi was surrounded by the brethren and escorted in a double line of soldiers and Police. The crowd became silent, and men took their caps off as the procession moved slowly past. It is curious that the vast majority of those present on the road and at the Campo de Guardias were women and young boys. Such a collection of young rogues and ragged youths could hardly be imagined. The female part of this herd was mostly composed of young girls from the popular suburbs, and here and there you could catch sight of old night-hawks, who inspire you with the idea that they oftener than they choose pay the Saladero visits of a permanent character. The crowd, for the occasion, was orderly, and, in the absence of any authority, was so great that it was impossible to approach the scaffold. The prisoner was led in the carriage, and amid profound silence, within a square formed around the scaffold by Hussars and Infantry. He alighted with the priests, and stopped up to the gibbet very coolly. He sat down, quite surrounded by the priests and brethren of the Fay y Caridad. When they left his side the Valladolid Calcraft had done his work, and Juan Oliva y Moncasi had ceased to live. The crowd very soon dispersed, and not many people remained to gaze on the body, which is exposed until dusk, according to Spanish law, with face uncovered. This evening it will be interred. In the crowd on the route and during the execution some sympathy was expressed for the death of so young a criminal, but no demonstration of any kind took place.

A ROMANTIC LAWSUIT.

Paris Correspondence of the London Telegraph.

A curious case has just been engaging the attention of the Paris tribunals. A young man, who lived in a small town in the valleys of the Russian Steppes many years ago, gradually improved in his business until he at length emerged on the Bourse as the great M. Meyer Gertuhal, the happy possessor of a fortune of several millions of francs. He had married a Muscovite of rare beauty—Mlle. Rosalie Lowy—and he ended by adopting another Mlle. Lowy, whom his wife gave out to be her sister. In 1876 M. Gertuhal died, leaving the bulk of his fortune to his wife and his adopted daughter, but excepting therefrom the sum of 1,500,000 francs, which was bequeathed to a Mme. Rabinovitz, living at the town of Bodmin, in Russia. Now, this Mme. Rabinovitz has a curious history, according to her own showing. She declares herself to be the only daughter of M. Gertuhal, by a widow named Tecale, whom he married in his poorer days, when he was known as Meyer. In support of her pretensions Mme. Rabinovitz produced several letters written to herself by the old financier, in which he addresses her as one of the unique of Mme. Gertuhal's life, and on the strength of it she claims not merely the million and a half left her by M. Gertuhal, but also the money bequeathed to the two Lowys. It appears that, according to the French law as well as the Russian, no one is allowed to adopt a child while he has one still living. Hence M. Gertuhal's not was intensely illegal, and Mme. Rabinovitz, or Rabinovitz, as she called herself, have been his child, the illegitimate out of this marriage, and, strange and romantic as the story sounds, it has already caused the attention of the Tribunals.

THE MEGRIMS IN ENGLAND.

WAR AND THE FALSE GOD PROTECTION.

ALL EUROPE RAISING ITS TARIFFS—THE STANCH FREE TRADERS OF BRITAIN WEAKENING—LORD DERBY TAKING A ROSY VIEW OF THE PREVAILING BUSINESS DEPRESSION.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 4, 1879.

Europe progresses backward. Despite the philosopher, we go behind the simple system of ethics. Notwithstanding the priest, we fall in the rear of the sublime teachings of Christianity. Liberty is crucified in Germany. Freedom groans on the rack in Russia. Burning villages illuminate Anglo-Indian scaffolds on the borders of the British Empire. The track of war in European Turkey is still red with fire and sword. A million women and children in one district are dying of starvation, the last remnant of the innocent victims sacrificed on the altar of "Russian civilization." In the name of religion the soldiers of the North have "danced among the tombs." In the name of liberty Prussia has enchained Germany. Socialism is being "put down" with the weapons that Bomba used in Italy. Prince Bismarck has reintroduced into the Fatherland the tyrannical devices of the black old days of Europe. Berlin is practically under martial law. It is in a state of siege. You cannot say your soul is your own there. New prisoners enter the political jails daily. The King goes about surrounded by his guards. Prince Gortschakoff and his master have wiped out the recollection of the liberation of the serfs by reviving banishment to Siberia. The weary march goes on day and night. The victims are young and old, men and women, university students, persons of distinction, the lowly and the great. They fall by the way to feed the wolves. They reach the weird regions of ice and snow to drop dead on the ground already consecrated to thousands of martyrs, whose blood cries in vain to heaven. Progress! Christianity! France increases her troops, and prepares continually to win back her annexed provinces. Germany claims the first tribute of youth's hopes and aspirations in her armies. Italy makes big guns. England inaugurates the financial year with new ships and torpedo-boats on her dock-yard slips. "Peace with honor!" Yes, "peace" with arms in both her hands. "Honor" fortified with 80-ton guns and floating batteries.

PROTECTION AND FREE TRADE.

With guns and bayonets and war-ships once more in the ascendant as arguments and details of international controversy, is it to be wondered at that Europe is setting up the false god ("protection!" Prince Bismark lays his iron hand upon the foreign trader, and, strange to say, in direct sympathy with his protectionist views, Switzerland—the model State—raises its tariffs too. Gortschakoff and his master keep the work of protection going in Russia, taking frequent new departures, with a view of crippling England. France subsidizes her sugar trade, and ruins the refiners in Bristol, England. Spain puts up her tariffs against the old country, and America, not yet certain whether her times for free commerce has come, keeps her Customs guards still firmly at their posts. The United States stands, morally and commercially, on different ground to that of the European States. A new country, she has had her industries to create and maintain, and if the consumer has suffered, he has had the happy consciousness that he has paid toll on foreign commodities for the sake of the future prosperity and greatness of his country. Standing erect, though sorrowful, and said in a world bristling with protective tariffs, England still holds by the principles of Cobden and the Manchester school. How long she will continue to do so depends upon how much more suffering she has to undergo. The country is passing through strange and bewildering times. On the war-path at the further outposts of the Empire, uncertain how soon the roar of the guns may come nearer home, there is a suspicion of a strain upon the Constitution which alarms nervous people. "Imperialism," however, is a mere party "bogie," an election phantom. The nation laughs at it. Mr. Gladstone puts goggle eyes and grinning teeth into the thing to frighten people. Everybody knows it is a sham, and so does Gladstone himself; but he is desperate, wild, full of passion because the nation will not accept it as a reality. Now, there is a danger of a real god being set up again in "protection." All Europe cannot gradually come under the increasing shadow of "protection" without affecting England, stanch free trader though she be. Indeed, there is an outspoken call for the dethroned monarch. The leading manufacturers of the North want him. Every trade that suffers cries aloud for him. The working classes are worshipers of protection. Trades of all classes want the old god set up again. It is called by various names. Some speak of it as "reciprocity;" others as "self-defense;" some call it "expediency;" others as "check upon foreign competition." "Without it," said a London manufacturer to me yesterday, "England will go to the wall; it is all very well to say that it is better that we, the producers, should suffer than you, the consumers, but what is to become of us as a manufacturing nation? What is to become of our mills, our machinery, our workshops?" I suggested emigration for the workmen, and the transference of capital to more favored countries. "Yes," he replied, "you may think that remark a bit of cynicism, but it hits the point; by Heaven, Sir, it is the only remedy. Lord Derby advises the operatives to emigrate; he says nothing about the employers. You are right; we must go, too, and unless things change very quickly you will find this firm with a new address, and it will be somewhere in America, where iron and coal is boundless, where labor is no dearer than it is here, where the resources of the earth are illimitable, and where capital is a bigger power than it is here." A merchant in Mark-lane whom I met shortly afterward looked at things from a different point of view. "The depression is exaggerated," he said; "look at the revenue returns for the past quarter, and you will see an improvement. Now, I'll tell you what will happen. We shall frighten America into reducing her tariffs. She can't prosper unless we prosper, and she can't do much better than she is doing without free trade. Look at England; we are suffering a frightful depression; so is all the world, we are not alone; trade is bad everywhere, and that is why all these silly foreigners are increasing their protective duties. Well, what is the result? Look at our own country. I say; cheap food, cheap bread, cheap clothing, moderate taxes. The great bulk of the people are not suffering any more than the middle and upper classes can relieve them from. People with small incomes don't suffer. Look at other countries. A few people are ruined at Bristol because of the French sugar bounties, but you and I get cheap sugar. Some of our farmers and bleated landlords are worried about their rents, but bread is cheap and meat is not dear. Where should we be with a heavy duty on wheat and beef, upon all the products that America is sending us? I tell you America is no better off than we are, and never will be until she embraces free trade, and then the two countries will leap into prosperity together and 'wipe the eye' of Europe." On Thursday evening ex-Minister Derby delivered an important address to the members of the Rochdale Working Men's Club. He is in accord with his late chief, Lord Beaconsfield, in declining to regard the crisis as one without hope of speedy improvement. He thinks we are taking an exaggerated view of what is passing before our eyes. The savings banks' deposits have increased during the past year; so have the returns of national consumption; so has the population increased, which no public speaker thinks it worth while to take into account. He had no new suggestions to make in regard to the causes of our commercial decay. We have overtraded; we have tried to get rich too quickly; we have lent our surplus moneys to foreigners who don't pay; Honduras, Turkey, Spain, Venezuela have gulled us; we have lent more than $1,500,000,000 to States that will never pay us; and the unsettled condition of Europe is dead against a revival of trade. "Till we can have some evidence that peace will be kept in Europe it is idle to expect that trade will revive." Lord Derby seemed to be more hopeful of the revival of commerce than he did of the maintenance of peace. It is a notable fact that no Cabinet Minister lectures his constituents upon leading questions without references to America; and when comparisons of wages, climate, resources have to be made, no public speaker omits to go for his best illustrations to the United States. Lord Derby does not hesitate to express his opinion that "in this little land of ours we are getting packed too close, and that we have suffered from the stoppage of emigration during the past few years." So long as there are two worlds, one may fear one job, no love will overpower one of them from being badly off. "Just now the Americans have their troubles as well as we, but with their boundless soil they are rapidly accumulating capital, and with their exceptional energy they are sure to rally before long; indeed, I believe the rally has already begun. There are children living who will probably see the United States numbering 200,000,000 inhabitants, and I don't think there is any subject to which leaders of working men can more usefully turn their attention than the supplying to those who want it here accurate and trustworthy intelligence as to their chances beyond the Atlantic, either north or south of the Canadian boundary line. We shall always have men enough left at home, and even if emigration were to go the length of checking the increase here, which is almost certainly will not, surely it is better to have 35,000,000 of human beings leading useful and intelligent lives, rather than 40,000,000 struggling painfully for a bare subsistence."

THE PREVAILING DISTRESS.

The general character of the distress which has spread from one end of the land to the other appears to be dead against the hopeful views of Lords Derby and Beaconsfield. In the days of the cotton famine the cause of the suffering was patent to all. When a staple trade is struck down, either by war or competition, we have but to wait until things right themselves, and in the meantime, the trades that are prospering can help those which are not. But to-day the trouble is general. Every trade is more or less affected. All branches of industry are suffering. From John O'Groat's to Land's End the cry is the same. And if men will only look into it, the causes of the depression are the same all over the country, and they are simply these: Manufacturers have overstocked themselves, and trades-unions have destroyed the harmonious relationships between capital and labor, necessary to success; we have taught the world to make the things we used to make; and the world retaliates in manufacturing for itself; to try and fight the high tariffs of other nations, we have sold inferior articles, and destroyed confidence in English goods; a policy of dishonesty has crept into our manufactures; the protective tariffs of foreign countries have destroyed certain special trades; the everlasting expectation of a great war has paralyzed enterprise; we have broken down under the competition which we have ourselves promoted and fostered. The true revenue returns justify hope is questionable; they have possibly been bolstered by the absence of charges which are postponed until the next quarter. We have not touched ground. We are still sinking lower. It is useless to deny it. The suffering is percolating into unreported quarters. At Denbigh Mr. Watkin Williams, M. P., takes this gloomy view of the situation: "The country," he declares, "has by no means reached the lowest depths of distress." But he attributed nearly all the trouble to the foreign policy of the Government, which is the nonsense too many Liberals mean to set up as their political programme at the next general election, instead of preaching common sense to workmen as well as masters, advising the one to abolish the trades-unions shackles on labor, and the other to adhere to honest trading. Look at the folly of the Oldham operatives, who struck work in the midst of the present depression, rather than accept a reduction of 5 per cent. in wages, and who now have to give way, after sacrificing $300,000 in wages and driving their trade to other districts and to other countries. The mine-owners of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire have given notice of a reduction. The unions threaten to resist it. If they do, we shall have 100,000 men on strike in that quarter. Several districts have already, through their trade lodges, voted against the proposed reductions. The engineers of London threaten to turn out against a proposition of the Iron Trades Employers' Association to extend the hours of labor. In face of the continued depression, the masters say they are seriously considering whether they are not justified in repealing the nine-hours arrangement and returning to the rate of 57½ hours as the week's work. This is set forth in a circular issued by the masters, who, in referring to the causes of the present depression, say that the wages and taxes of foreign competitors are less than in England, and that the hours of labor are longer and unrestricted. The stoppage of the Sirhowy Iron Works, in the Tredegar Valley, was answered by the report that the Welsh iron trade was going to "look up." The stoppage of the West of England Bank has ruined scores of people in Bristol and South Wales. At some of the North Staffordshire collieries the men have accepted reductions of wages of 5 and 10 per cent. The Mayor's relief fund at Sheffield now reaches nearly $50,000. At Blackburn four other mills have stopped working during the past fortnight, representing some 800 looms. Altogether 15 mills are silent, which would employ 6,500 men when in full work. In all the large centres of trade the distress is so great that it has called into existence an organized system of relief, and it is highly creditable to the upper classes that the subscriptions have, on all hands, been large, and that they continue to pour in. The darkest feature of the situation seems to be the determined resistance of the working classes to admit the necessity of reduced wages. The British mechanic on strike while his master is only trying to keep his factory open for their mutual benefit in the hope of better times, is a picture of folly, not to say ingratitude, which one can only contemplate with wonder and amazement. The truth is, the English mechanic does not believe that any "foreigner" can compete with him in strength or skill. All trades have traditions of how easily British workers have "licked" the foreigners whenever they have been brought into competition. These legends were probably true once, but times have changed. When I was a boy, English engineers and mechanics were continually being sent for by foreign Governments and companies to erect machines and preside over foreign works. Foreigners come to England now on similar missions. It was a foreigner who (unless the memory of Mr. Macdonald, the able chief in the *Times* office) recently showed me the working of the electric light in that famous establishment. Nobody but "foreigners" seem to be connected with this new light in London. Our city is full of Germans. They are a colony at Bradford. But the British mechanic does not learn, and when the supreme hour of trial comes, as it has come once more, he is helped by public subscriptions to weather the storm at home, or he is assisted to carry his experience and his labor to other lands. When the capitalist imitates him and does likewise, England will become a residential country, and London the pawn-shop of the world. Our manufactory districts will decay like those out-of-the-way old towns that lived on the coaches of former days, and the commercial supremacy of England will be "as dead as a door-nail," a thing to write about and look back upon with wonder and regret.

ERRORS OF MEMORY.

A FEW ILLUSTRATIVE INCIDENTS FROM POLITICAL HISTORY.

From the Utica Observer, Jan. 18.

Yesterday one of the most intelligent citizens of Utica came into the *Observer* office to find one of Enos T. Throop's Thanksgiving proclamations. A friend of our visitor insisted that Gov. Throop wrote "We are all small lights." What we think really he wrote was: "Experience is a small light shining about our footsteps to guide us in the path of wisdom." We quote from memory, and perhaps we have made a mistake, for, as we are trying to show, memory is a poor guide. The opposing politicians picked up the phrase and called the Governor "small light Throop." The name clung to him long after the true rendering of the sentence was forgotten.

We had occasion, some months ago, to cite the story of the "Roorback." In 1844, it was charged, on the pretended authority of a fictitious doctor named Roorback, that an English traveler had seen James K. Polk's slaves on their way to the slave market with the initials burned with hot irons into their flesh. Mr. Clay was Polk's competitor for the Presidency that year, and on recalling the story we substituted his name for Polk's. But before the article was printed the mistake was corrected. To be quite certain that we were right in the last instance we consulted as least 10 men who had participated actively in the canvass of 1844, and not one among them could tell the Roorback story with even tolerable accuracy. Most of them had forgotten all about it, and the rest were confused as to the names, dates, and circumstances.

On another occasion two old Whigs were fighting their battles over again and one remarked that it was wonderful how Harrison came up as a new man and carried the country with such a rush. The other thought so too. They were both surprised and indignant when a Democrat near their company remarked that Harrison was the Whig candidate for President in 1836, as well as in 1840, and that he was badly beaten the first time that he ran. They sharply rebuked the audacity of the person who attempted to correct them on a matter of history with which they were personally familiar; and they were greatly astonished to find that they were mistaken. Chief-Justice Taney did not render it as the decision of the Supreme Court that the negro has no rights which the white man is bound to respect. Gen. Taylor did not say that we are at peace with all the world and the rest of mankind. The Declaration of Independence does not assert that all men are created free and equal. Gen. Jackson did not offer as a toast: "The Federal Union, it must and shall be preserved. If you want to test your memory, correct these misquotations.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 19.—William Haywood committed suicide to-day with poison. He was in poor health and out of work, and was thoroughly discouraged.

THE MIMIC STAGE IN PARIS.

HOW FRENCHMEN ARE AMUSED.

AN OPERATIC FAILURE—THE SERIOUS AT A DISCOUNT—NEW COMEDIES AND SPECTACLES—THE RAGE FOR WILD ANIMALS—INDIA-RUBBER WHALES AND WHITE-WASHED BEARS—THE PLAY OF POLITICS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, Jan. 3, 1879.

Christmas week has been uncommonly fertile in theatrical novelties; some were good, some bad, some indifferent; but to whatever class belonging, every manager, almost, has made it a point of honor to celebrate the holidays by a change in his bill of fare. First in importance comes the opera, where Mr. Halanzier, anxious to terminate his managerial career in a blaze of glory, has brought out "La Reine Blanche." This long-expected lady, celebrated in nursery rhyme for her skill with the distaff and her immense feet, has disappointed everybody, and I think Mr. Halanzier must be very sorry not to have left the failure as an inheritance to his successor. Neither the plot nor the music offers a single point by which to awaken sympathy with the misfortunes and ultimate triumph of the injured spouse of *Pepin the Short*, the only feeling being one of surprise that the librettist and the composer should have attempted a five-act lyric drama when it was so much easier not to do so. Generally, disapprobation is manifested at the Academy of Music by disdainful silence or animated conversation during the performance, but on this occasion the audience broke with tradition and a tempest of hisses from every tier marked its indignant protest against the very worst piece ever put upon the Parisian stage. It will, perhaps, have one good effect: It will destroy the long cherished delusions of those who still maintained that Frenchmen could compose anything serious. "Polyeucte" was bad enough, but Gounod's reputation, made with Faust, carried it through, and if M. Massenet's "Roi de Lahore" has appeared on the Milanese boards, its success is only due to its beautiful ballet, whereas, here there is not even scenic display to gild the nauseous pill of immelodious, mechanical harmony. I do not know on whose shoulders will fall the mantle of the present impresario, as the Government, after three months' examination of half a dozen different plans and projects, cannot decide whether the next man shall farm out the institution, shall run the machine for himself, or shall be a salaried agent of the Minister of Fine Arts. In any case, we may be certain that things will go from bad to worse, as is only natural when political proclivities, not any special aptitudes, will decide the choice of an administrator. Heaven knows that the present incumbent had never been short of money, and some of his pensioners receive as much as $20,000 per annum; he would have given $40,000 to Faure, if this Prince of Art, as he calls himself, had not put forward other pretensions which were inacceptable, but he cannot keep his head above water, and his despotic manners and bad temper bring him into daily collisions with both composers and artists. Faure left some time ago, Mlle. Krauss, the tenor Gailhard, and the baritone Lasalle, refused to renew their engagements, and, in the course of a few months, the academy will be without a single star. Nobody will care much, for there is no real musical taste among the French. Provincials and foreigners will always go at least once to look at the building, and this will pay current expenses, but the Parisians have long since dethroned Rossini and Meyerbeer in favor of Offenbach and Lecocq, and they never went at any time to the Rue Lepelletier except because it was "good form" to show themselves there twice a week. But that was in the palmy days of the Empire, when there was a court and a galaxy of elegant women to set the fashion, whereas, the official ladies nowadays are not precisely types of distinction and refinement, and, so far as looks go, are much less presentable than a Fulton Market apple-woman in her Sunday clothes. M. Escudier's attempt to resuscitate the Italians with "Aida" last Winter was pretty successful, so long as public curiosity lasted, but he retired from the speculation, as soon as he perceived that nothing else would draw, and Capoul got quite enough of the "Amants de Verone" in the course of a couple of months, and now that the Salle Ventadour has been sold to M. Soubeyran, who proposes to construct a monster temple of Mammon, where once Pasta and Grisi, Mario and Ronconi and Tamberlik won their most brilliant triumphs, nothing will be left to dispute the field of lyric glory with operettas except that superannuated institution, the Opera Comique.

Thanks to Mr. Carvalho's prudent husbanding of the Government subsidy, matters are in a little more flourishing condition here than in the more aristocratic establishments higher up the Boulevards, but even this best is bad enough. The latest production is "Susanne," by Emile Paladhile, and I suppose it may be called a fair success. *Susanne* is no connection whatever of the lady in the Bible who was so tormented by the attentions of a couple of hoary-headed Celadons, the only old gentlemen connected with the piece being the librettists, MM. Lochroy and Cormon, whose heroine is a young person who fled her parents' roof because those benighted rustics refused to let their daughter go to school. Her first journey is to Cambridge, where, meeting a virtuous young student, *Richard*, she is persuaded by him to don cap and gown and follow the lectures at the university, under the name of *Claudius*. *Richard*, of course, falls in love; the disguise is penetrated by the authorities, a serious scandal follows, *Claudius* is expelled with a blemished reputation, resumes female attire, goes on the stage, becomes a great tragedienne, is rescued from Lord Somebody by her faithful swain, and the pair of turtle doves get married, to be happy ever more. In all this there is nothing very original, nor is there much originality in the music, of which the most that can be said in praise is that it is lively and refined, with occasional glimpses of sentiment. The first and second acts were a good deal applauded, but until he does something a great deal better than "Susanne," M. Paladhile's chief claim to distinction will remain based upon his "Maddolinata."

I have so often alluded to the indifference of the Parisians for either the lyric or the legitimate drama, that it would be tiresome to insist upon the fact that none but comedies which are reflections of, or satires upon, social life in the nineteenth century have any chance in competition with spectacular plays. Offenbach's "Brigands" continues the monster receipts of his "Orphée aux Enfers," and that absurd, inane fairy play "Rothomago," at the Chatelet, seen crowds refused admittance, when the Odéon, with a first-class company and pieces signed by authors whose works are masterpieces of style and diction, is forced to give away tickets in order that its houses may not be altogether empty. It is not a very healthy symptom of popular taste, but the craving after something new, and, if possible, horrible, has become a part of their nature. Even legs are no longer attractive. It is true that, the supply of the better quality of this article not being equal to the demand, managers were obliged to put up with spindles or the reverse, but wild animals are a sure card. "Around the World in Eighty Days" set the fashion, with the elephant Jenny, which used to be poked with a sharp stick by her owner until her lamentable howls proved that she was not made out of India rubber. Then came Macomo's lions, but these only bit the actor Dochayen, and so, not eating anybody, soon lost favor. "Rothomago" has improved on both, with Karoli, known in the flesh as Brown, but who considers the alias more euphonious, and his snakes gave a delightful thrill of horror to the spectators by snapping off their tamer's thumb last week. The newspapers were full of details of the incident next morning, and tickets could not be procured as anything less than 100 per cent. premium for the next performance, but every one was disappointed, as the lively young python had digested his mental rabbit, and was therefore torpid and harmless. Not to be outdone by day of their rivals, Messrs. Bitt & Lassouche, at the Porte St. Martin, have introduced three different sorts of wild animals, if this name can be applied to a conder and a whale as well as to a bear. The sea monster, it is true, is of gutta-percha, but spouts up quite naturally clouds of steam, colored nicely, at the last moment, with Bengal lights, to represent the blood of his death agony. And the conder is a mechanical contrivance of wire and pasteboard, which preserves the illusion of immense size at a prodigious height, even within the restricted limits of the mimic stage. I have not yet seen the "Enfants du Capitaine Grant," in which these aerial, aqueous, and terrestrial monsters appear, but by gossip I am assured that, while the first two are moderately satisfactory, the Polar bears are hugely successful. I say Polar bears, because in order to keep strictly to the letter of the piece, Greenland's icy mountains should have furnished these interesting accessories. But there have been great difficulties in the way. One animal-tamer at Bordeaux had offered three for the "Tour de Monde," but when called upon in the name of Capt. Grant's children, had gone home and left a widow who positively refused to part with her deceased husband's pets. Then M. Paon was treated with, but he asked 10,000 francs per month, which although considered dear would have been accepted, when some one suggested to write to Uston, in the Pyrenees, where it is asserted the bears, who are on terms of intimacy with the inhabitants, walk about the streets as tame as dogs. Joy filled the heart of the St. Martin managers when these glad tidings were communicated, and forthwith a letter was dispatched to the Mayor of the locality asking for three nice bears. Back came the answer by return mail: "You can have the bears, but they must be prepaid and the money must be deposited with Mr. Schouler, the notary." And the money was deposited and the bears came, and they were quiet and tractable, and could dance to the sound of soft music, but, like all Pyrenean bears, they are black; and so, for the first time in theatrical annals, the costumer has been employed to get up brain properly, and finding no other more practical means, whitewashes him all over, and then powders freely with starch, so that to the eyes of the Parisians he resembles a specimen of the Arctic regions. There was to have been a bull fight with real bulls and Spanish toreadors, terminating in the real death of an animal or a man—it did not much matter which, as either catastrophe would have been a great attraction, the human's death for choice—but the Animal's Protection Society interfered, as they did at the Hippodrome last Summer, so this exhibition has been postponed until people shall have gotten entirely rid of silly prejudices.

Continuing to speak upon hearsay, and reserving my description of the play until I can judge for myself whether it be worth a notice, I will add that the grand ballet of the "Fêtes d'Or" has not been the triumph hoped for. It was to have been danced in a gold mine, where, at the close of the *divertissement*, a cascade of natural water was made to overflow and inundate the place. But no water came, and when the pipes froze, and the Municipal Water Committee refused to furnish the necessary supply, which might be wanted elsewhere in case of fire, and so a public square at Valparaiso was substituted, and might have been called a public square at San Francisco or Sacramento City, or any other town on the far side of the Atlantic or the Pacific or the Indian Ocean, so very vague is the Parisian idea of geography. Another drama or comedy or farce—let us pray that it may not be a lugubrious tragedy—will be played on the day after to-morrow. Anything is on the cards, as a result to the Senatorial election, and no one feels quite sure what to predict. The Conservatives are positive of a majority in the Provinces, where they pretend their constituents are wearied out with the autocratic régime of the Republican officials. This would be civil war within three months. M. Gambetta assures his friends that the Radical majority will be at least of seven and twenty votes, which would adjourn the conflict to six months. I am of opinion that the present condition of affairs will not be materially altered, and that matters will remain indefinitely in *statu quo*. The ex-Dictator is obliged to encourage his party so as not to lose its leadership, but no one would regret more than himself the inauguration of that "era of difficulties" to which he alluded in his late oration at the Grand Hotel. His popularity is already somewhat compromised by his delay in the realization of certain promised reforms, such as the abolition of God Almighty and the removal of all political disabilities from the transported felons, so that he is forced to pledge himself to both, and to order M. De Marcère to go and do likewise, but, in his heart, he knows that the fruit is not yet ripe enough for plucking, and that he would be driven to take a seat in the new Cabinet, and so lose all his chances for the next Presidency. Nor does he wish to see the Chambers back again in the capital, where the *vox populi* has already allotted the Luxemburg to the Senate, the Palais Bourbon to the Deputies, and the building lately occupied by the Exposition Administrators to the Prefect of the Seine and the Municipal Council. But there are indications that the wishes of Belleville will be respected, as the architects, who were under orders to repair the ceilings of the Hall of Deputies at Versailles, have been instructed not to continue their labors; "the locality being merely a temporary residence for the Assembly, the expense becomes unnecessary!"

The editor of a satirical journal, *La Comédie Politique*, announces that he is preparing a series of articles concerning "the rapid and scandalous fortune of the man whose eye was put out in the Duel Deroulède." He requests M. Gambetta to attack him for defamation, should any of his assertions be without foundation, and promises, in order that his victim may not feign ignorance, to send him a registered letter every Saturday containing the attacks which are to appear in the next number of his paper. There will be some curious charges and revelations, I fancy, which I will transcribe, when interesting, for the benefit of readers who may not know that in France it is not, as with us, the greater the truth the greater the scandal, and that the accused is obliged to prove innocence, not the accuser to establish guilt.

Letters from Larreguemines state that on the 31st of December a domiciliary visit was made by the German authorities to about 40 inhabitants of French origin, who were denounced for having in their possession plaster-casts of the "Republic," which had been modeled in 1873 at Mr. Schneider's porcelain works. All Mariami's effigies were confiscated and broken, their owners receiving the notification that a renewal of the offense of having anything of the kind on the premises would be regarded as an evidence of affiliation to the Internationals, and would be punished accordingly. On the other hand, a subscription has been publicly started at Arras for a bronze bust of Robespierre, "while we await," says the preamble, "the proper moment to erect a statue to the great political genius of 1793."

SO STRAIGHT HE LEANED BACKWARD.

From the Boston Commercial Bulletin.

The most honest man we have heard of lately was a Washington-street dealer in men's underclothing. A friend of ours bought a pair of shirts of him, at $1 25 each, a few days ago, but, finding them too small, carried them back the next day to exchange them for larger ones of the same kind. The exchange was made without hesitation, but as the buyer was about to retire he was asked to wait a moment. At the end of, the moment the cash-boy appeared, and the salesman, taking a half-dollar from him, handed it to the astonished customer, informing him that between the time of purchase and the exchange the shirts had been marked down to $1 each, and he was therefore entitled to a half-dollar, the shirts he returned, being $1 25 ones, and those he took only $1 ones!

HARD-MONEY DEMOCRATS SCARCE.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer, Jan. 18.

It is said in some quarters that if an alliance is made with the Greenbackers, the hard-money men will desert us and go over to the Republicans. That threat reminds us of the story of a Kentuckian visiting his relatives in old Virginia. In being introduced to the people of that neighborhood, they reminded him on nearly all occasions that "the folks were among the first families." Kaintuck finally asked what had become of all the second families. "Oh," said old Virginia, "they left for Kentucky years ago." So it is with the hard-money men; they left us years ago and went to the Republican Party.

COUNTRY PRODUCE AS LEGAL TENDER.

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Journal, Jan. 16.

One of our prominent attorneys, who was engaged in a suit against the Nebraska State Grange, had occasion to look over the books and papers in the hands of the Secretary, and among other things he found a resolution appointing a committee to urge the Legislature to pass an act to regulate the price of country produce for a period of five years, and to make it legal tender. Imagine a Granger going into Trickey's store and laying down three pumpkins and saying: "Mr. Trickey, please put a crystal in my watch, and here are your pumpkins."

A DOG'S TOOTH DRAWN.

From the Portland (Me.) Press, Jan. 18.

The other day Dr. Macalister, the dentist, noticed that a dog was evidently suffering from a tooth that had ulcerated. He induced the animal to open its mouth, applied the forceps, and extracted the tooth. During the operation the dog not quietly, in his manner, and stopped meaning, appearing to fully realize what the Doctor was about. After the tooth was drawn the animal expressed his gratitude in many ways.

GLEANINGS FROM THE MAILS

INSTRUCTIONS TO SENATORS.

JEFFERSON DAVIS ON THE RIGHTS OF A STATE—HE CLAIMS THAT TO DENY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO HIS CONSTITUENCY WOULD BE TO ATTACK THE FOUNDATION OF OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM.

From the Jackson (Miss.) Clarion.

We are gratified to have the opportunity to publish the following letter written by Hon. Jefferson Davis in reply to inquiries designed to elicit his opinion upon a subject of vital importance:

BEAUVOIR POST OFFICE, HARRISON COUNTY, Miss., Dec. 14, 1878.

MY DEAR SIR: I this day received yours of the 12th inst., asking for my opinion as to the right of the Legislature of a State to instruct her Senators in Congress.

Personally a disinterested observer, I stand upon the political river, earnestly watching whatever it may bear, but without any purpose ever again to launch my bark upon it. My opinions, however, upon any subject which interests Mississippi

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE FRESH MAGAZINES.

HARPER'S MONTHLY.

—The leading article of foreign travel in the February *Harper's* relates to the mouth of the Amazons. Maurice Mauris describes the scenery and inhabitants, human and otherwise, of the island of Marajó, which takes in some sort the place of a delta to the greatest river of the world. A little chart of the lower Amazons and a variety of illustrations give the ground plan and elevations, to use architectural slang, of this remarkable fragment of the Brazilian Empire. We read of the civil contests of the inhabitants and the breeding of countless wild horses; we get pictures of typical *senhoras* among the women of the upper classes and accounts of the fever-stricken India-rubber gatherers. Speaking of the City of Para:

"The rooms are large, with high ceilings, and well ventilated. The furniture is generally of the simplest kind, the ornamental part thereof consisting chiefly of old mirrors, chandeliers, and huge vases of artificial flowers under glass covers. There are often more chairs than in a whole American house; they not only line the walls, but are also disposed in two rows half way across the floor, at right angles with the sofa, as though Brazilians intended to create a small cozy room within the large one. Whenever the notable character of his visitors compels the host to abandon his hammock, the reception takes place within this inclosure, the owner of the house naturally reserving for himself the place of honor—the sofa. It is amusing to regard the ostentatious formalities that attend these visits of ceremony. The conversation is carried on in a subdued, frigid, but extravagantly polite manner, no motion of any kind being indulged in by the participants, and the position *de rigueur* being that of sitting mummies."

A second paper of "Rambles in the South of France," by S. G. W. Benjamin, describes Carcassone, Lourdes, Pau, and Laruns. The opening article consists of a mass of popular effects under the title of "Treasures of the Deep," by J. C. Beard, profusely illustrated in a popular style. Strange bits of natural history, authentic as well as dubious, are scattered through the paper, as, for instance, this account of the origin of ambergris:

"Perhaps the most complete metamorphosis of the character and association connected with any substance in nature is found in the delicate toilet perfume, ambergris, which naturalists tell us is nothing else than the result of a fit of indigestion on the part of the sperm-whale, being, in fact, a kind of intestinal calculus or portion of the food of the whale imperfectly digested. Forms have a great partiality for ambergris, and congregate on the sea-coast in search of it. They eat it, and return it in exactly the same state as it was swallowed, in respect to perfume, though changed in color. This is the white ambergris so highly valued. Thus, after passing through the digestive organs of two animals, it retains its delicate and subtle perfume, which rivals that of the fairest flowers, and also retains its value for the toilet."

Commander R. W. Meade writes an appreciative biography of the late Admiral Hiram Paulding, whose widow has been lately petitioning Congress for a recognition of her husband's services. They began during the war of 1812, when Midshipman Paulding fought under MacDonough, in the celebrated victory over the English fleet. Frederick G. Mather relates again the Winter pleasures enjoyed by the Canadians, the snow-shoe walking, skating, curling, sleighing, and using the toboggan. The installment of "Old Flemish Masters" contains epitomes of four old artists—Van der Weyden, Jordaens, Quellyn, and Snyders. Another illustrated paper is called "Education by Hand," in which H. E. Scudder relates the origin and growth of the Institute of Technology in Boston. He speaks of the recent introduction of manual instruction in public schools:

"There has been of late years a growing disposition to criticise our public schools on the ground that they attempt too much and offer a course of instruction too proportioned to the practical needs of the graduate; that knowledge, and not training, is made the end sought, and that in the desire to secure a high organization, individual powers and tastes are disregarded. Certainly, the machinery of our public schools has grown more complex and costly, and it is to be feared that the children who leave them are confused, oftentimes, with knowledge rather than athleticised by training in elements of mental power. To a too intellectual training certain offsets have gradually been introduced. The introduction of drawing as a regular part of education has been in advance in this right direction, although the best methods of teaching it are still under discussion. The introduction of music in more systematic form came earlier, and was a very important sign of educational progress. Latterly, sewing has been introduced with marked results for good, and the chief regret of its friends has been that there was not some universal implement like the needle in the use of which boys might be trained."

Fiction is not represented in the usual proportion this month. Rebecca Harding Davis has a noticeable short story under the title "A Story of the Plague," in which the woman's character shows good observation, and John Esten Cooke brings in illicit distillers of Virginia to make a tragic background for a rather flimsy love story called "Moonshiners." Mrs. Dinah Mulock-Craik also begins a novel under the name, "Young Mrs. Jardine," which promises to be as quietly good and uneventfully pleasant as her novels generally prove. People who like gossip about musicians will enjoy a notice of Mendelssohn's letters to Moscheles, and the bucolic temperament may discover in "French Farmers," by Phebe Earle Gibbons, various new points of similarity and unlikeness to our own agricultural affairs. The editor of the Easy Chair discusses old New-York, the code of honor in France, the legends about Tell, and the poems of the late Mrs. Whitman, of Providence.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.

—If there be a question as to the treatment accorded literary men in this country while they are living, there can be none concerning their treatment when dead. Bayard Taylor receives from Mr. R. H. Stoddard not only generous but loving notice in a paper contributed to the February *Atlantic*. Having been his friend since 1848, and owning many letters written by Taylor from many different places abroad, Mr. Stoddard adds to the pleasure of his style a great deal of information about our present Minister at Berlin, which could be obtained nowhere else. The biographer rates Bayard Taylor's genius very high. The villa at Kennett-square, built by the late Minister, has a corner-stone under which reposes, according to Bayard Taylor's statement, "a box of zinc, containing a copy of 'Views Afoot;' an original poem by me, to be read 500 years hence by somebody who never heard of me; some coins; a poem by R. H. S., in his own manuscript, and various small things." In 1865 Taylor's friends, at the Century Club, pethought them to burlesque a recent birthday festival in honor of William Cullen Bryant, making Taylor's birthday the peg on which to hang the fun. Mr. Stoddard was naturally one of the prime movers.

Mark Twain's voice is seldom heard at present; and it is well to note that his reappearance shows a finer edge than latterly was the case. "The Recent Great French Duel" is an excellent farce in which Mark Twain performs the part of second to Gambetta in the late ridiculous duel with De Fourton. It is broad, but not broad for Mark Twain. Change of scene has evidently done him good. Clarence Cook is on the war-path in this number; the present victim is the new Roman Catholic Cathedral in this City, of which he says a number of very disagreeable and irritating things which, unfortunately, have a good deal of truth in them. F. G. Ireland writes an essay on "Puritanism and Manners," and William F. Apthorp has a paper on "Musicians and Music Lovers." It is seldom that one hears so much common sense talked about music. It might be called confessions of a musical man. Mr. Apthorp notices the reticence of musicians in speaking of their art, their inability to express themselves, and their disdain of the ordinary *dilettanti* who insist on a literary or rhetorical account of music or the effect of music. He is encroaching on a great subject and a most obscure one. Few people are competent to decide what the effect of music upon themselves and others is; to analyze the proportions in which self, the individuality of the musician, and the quality of the music enter into the gratification one experiences in listening to music is a most delicate task. Mr. Apthorp writes most suggestively and will, it may be hoped, be heard from again on the same topic.

W. W. Story has a rather thin paper, in first part, on "A Roman Holiday Twenty Years Ago," and the special investigator on American social topics, who has been contributing to this magazine, describes in "The Career of a Capitalist" a man whom he personally knows. B. A. Huntington has a fragment from the civil war—"Sweed and Awf"—in which there figures a recent Swede with a French name, whose idea of fighting for the Republic was strictly limited to drawing pay. Richard Grant White tells of his experiences in London streets, and draws comparisons between the two great cities of England and the United States. The solid contributions are by Arthur G. Sedgwick—"International Copyright by Judicial Decision"—and an unsigned article—"Limited Sovereignty in the United States." Besides the amateur reviews in the Contributors' Club, there is an official, though unsigned, review of various American novels recently published. Mr. Howells brings the lady of "The Arcostock" safely to anchor in Trieste, and commits his hero thoroughly to his tacit engagement with the up-country school-marm. There is a painful scene, but a good one, between the drunkard Hicks and the rest of the little colony on board the ship. The dialogue is as bright as usual. Finally, we must not forget "The Martyrdom of St. Perpetua," a story to which is appended the celebrated name of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY.

—When we see the cover to this popular favorite undergo some change in design we may be sure that a midsummer or midwinter number is in prospect, a number in which the editors are putting out a double effort to please the many tastes that must be consulted in such a publication. The midwinter issue for 1879 bears a design by F. S. Church, added to the usual semi-architectural design in steam-sawed perforated wood, to which the cover of *Scribner's* most nearly approaches. A shapely maiden in a well-used Worth dress is marching through a snow-storm with faggots and axe in hand, blowing her fingers to keep them warm. Below sits the most familiar and noticeable bird of Winter, the sly and clamorous crow. Turn the leaf, and you have before you the face of America's greatest singer and philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson, taken from life by Wyatt Eaton on the modern analytical system of portraiture to which that artist is devoted. All his efforts have been concentrated on the expression of eyes and mouth. The details are only so far important that some slight peculiarities suggest the monastic, clerical side of Emerson's character. Mr. Emerson no longer looks like an "amiable American eagle," as some one suggested concerning his appearance six or eight years ago; we see the effects of old age in the greater immobility of look. In the series of poets whom Mr. Eaton has been painting this one takes rank with the Bryant.

A singular mixture of folklore, information, and fine work in the way of wood-cuts is to be found in "The Tile Club at Play." Some 8 or 10 artists having made an excursion to the south side of Long Island, a rambling chronicle of their doings and pranks is here recorded. East Hampton contains interesting reminiscences of John Howard Payne, actor, Consul to Tunis, and author of "Home, Sweet Home." Pharaoh, Chief of the Montauk Indians, was sketched on his death-bed, and his venerable features modeled into a tile bas-relief. The following is a specimen of the art-talk among the Tilers:

"'You see,' said the 'Marine,' some neighborhoods are very strongly marked with the artistic consciousness. They combine well. They set out their milk-pans to drain in beautiful compositions. Their calves come to the fence in red and white, their old hens scratch under coops fenced in with rotten meshaden-nets, their sea-beaches attract the most beautiful brown wrecks, whose figure-heads have their gilding washed by the high tides in full sunshine. These people know how to relieve a functional Front roof with a Birket Foster elm tree. Their geese march over the crests of a hilly road, with heads stretched up. Their men are old school-masters, sailors, and wreckers. Their windmills are brown with age and much oiling. Their girls lean in white aprons against the wheat sacks.'"

Upon this mixture of the fine and farcical comes John Muir, with one of his Rocky Mountain talks, this time concerning "The Glacier Meadows of the Sierra." It is not often that the man who can appreciate such things so well, gets a chance to tell of them—or is able to tell of them, for that matter. Edward Eggleston follows with a long word of advice "To the Clergy," which the clergy may or may not accept with meekness. A. A. Hayes, Jr., has a burlesque symposium on the Chinese question, in which Chinaman, Frenchman, German, Paddy, and Yankee talk in dialect. Allen C. Redwood has more Confederate reminiscences in "The Fortunes and Misfortunes of Company C," and Maurice Thompson writes a dramatic account of "The Doom of Claudius and Cynthia," the scene being the arena at Rome, the executioner the Emperor Commodus, the same whom our young painter Blashfield has attempted to show in a large picture, now on exhibition at Schaus' gallery. Russel Sturgis contributes a paper fully illustrated, on John Leech, and Edmund C. Stedman develops unexpectedly a hobby in "Aerial Navigation." He has a great deal to say that bears directly and indirectly upon air-ships, or aërobats, as we are to call them; predicts their success in the near future, defends Fourier and stock-brokers, and attacks dishonest railway directors. H. P. Stearns has a few pages on a most serious topic of the day, "The Relations of Insanity to Modern Civilization."

Prose fiction is supported by Edward Bellamy in a clever extravaganza called "Potts' Painless Cure." The relations the two young people bear will cause Europeans and Europeanized Americans to raise their pious hands in horror more or less affected. They are lovers, and very loving, but the youth has not yet asked the girl to marry him. When the story does arrive at that point, she will have nothing to do with him, because he has plied her so thoroughly with Potts' Painless Cure! The two serials are, as usual, "Haworths" and "Falconberg." Neither installment is equal in interest to that of preceding numbers. Of poetry, and good poetry, there is no lack. Foremost is R. H. Stoddard, with one of the finest tributes to Bryant which has yet appeared. There are stanzas by R. W. G., and an excellent sonnet by a new writer, Andrew B. Saxton. H. C. Bunner furnishes satirical verses; Joel Benton and Rose Hawthorne Lathrop some notable stanzas, each. The following promising lines are over a new name—L. Frank Tooker:

A Winter Morning.

The snow-drifts pile the window-ledge,
The frost is keen, the air is still;
The lane that lies below the hill
Is drifted even with the hedge;
Gray skies, and dark trees shaken bare,
Blue smoke that rises straight in air;
And down the west a yellow glare
Is driven like a wedge.

The biography of Ralph Waldo Emerson, by F. B. Sanborn, is one of the best, if not quite the best record of the "great American" which has appeared. Many new points relating to Emerson's ancestry are given, and the fact made known that the greater part of his writings have never yet seen the light. Scarcely any of his sermons have been published; most of his speeches remain uncollected and uncedited; many verses and lectures exist only in manuscript. Few or none of the philosophical lectures read at Harvard eight or nine years ago have been printed. They make part of a work on "The Natural History of the Intellect."

ST. NICHOLAS.

—The Kindergarten system has commended itself to many minds of ingenuity, and enters more and more into the literature for children. In *St. Nicholas* for February we find a "Winter Song" by Mariana B. Slade, in which a certain number of common French terms are committed to memory through the medium of verse. Here is a stanza:

"No more the birds, *les oiseaux*, sing;
The trees, *les arbres*, their leaves have lost—
See snow, *la neige*, o'er everything.
And feel *le gelé*, or the frost.
L'hiver, the Winter now has come,
Bringing as *Noël*, Christmas Day.
Les ruisseaux, brooks, with ice are dumb,
And in the snow *les enfants* play."

This is adding a new complication to the celebrated controversy among book-worms as to what is and what is not macaronic verse. Kindergarten polyglot will be a convenient if not euphonious term for such pedantic affectations. *St. Nicholas* always has one or more nonsense rhymes to extort a laugh from the ready lips of children. This is Frederick Palmer's contribution to the huge pile of nonsense verses:

"There was an old man of the Nile
Who had a benevolent smile;
When they said, 'Smile again,'
He replied, 'I'm not vain,
But I think I *do* know how to smile.'"

Julian Hawthorne's fairy tale continues at a thrilling moment, the moment that Prince Henry follows his bell inside Humpty Dudget's inclosure. Tom, the cat, arrives too late to save him from that hunchback villain, and good fairies have to be brought to the rescue. But the end is not yet. Susan Coolidge begins in this number a story called "Sweetbright," for which Diehman makes illustrations. Diehman and Kelly are the favorite draughtsmen for *St. Nicholas* just now. Their methods of work are very different; Diehman is very soft and indefinite in his outlines, while Kelly indulges in the startling bronzes drawing that has made for him his success. The latter has a special dramatic sense of a situation, but seems to be doing much more work than is good for him. Note the picture to David Ker's realistic yarn from South Africa, relating to a midnight attack on a rhinoceros, and the headpiece to Stockton's "Jolly Fellowship." Hawthorne's fairy tale is illustrated by Alfred Fredericks.

A little story of science is told the children by Prof. D. S. Jordan in "A Story of a Stone," the stone being a kind of coral animal that lived in Wisconsin when the sea still covered the major part of North America. M. D. Huff discourses pleasantly on violins, describing the rebeck, the crouth, the guitar-shaped fiddle, and other instruments. Along with technical information on the violin, James H. Flint gives the history of one of its masters—Paganini—in "Little Nicholas, and How He Became a Great Musician." I. L. Beman recounts the origin of the jumping jack, and the great charity instituted by the inventor and patentee of that popular toy. There are verses—"The Shining Little House," by H. H., and further revelations of the domestic affairs of "The Peterkins," by Lucretia P. Hale. Amalie La Forge has a boy's story with a moral—"Teddy's Heroes"—and Charles Barnard a tale from Manchester mills concerning a little girl who worked as a "Half-Timer." Thomas Moran supplying the illustration.

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE.

—The Hungarian artist, Michael Munkacsy, is the subject of some very pleasant gossip in the *Lippincott* for February. The writer speaks from the stand-point of an early friend and fellow-student at Düsseldorf, when Munkacsy was entirely unknown to fame and only considered eccentric by the other painters of the town. Mr. Tait appears to have been intimate with Munkacsy up to very recent times. We are told of the early struggles of the artist as apprentice to a carpenter, next to a house painter, then as a penniless fabricator of third-class paintings. With the opening of the Paris Salon of 1870 his picture called "Le Dernier Jour d'un Condamné," pointed him out to Goupil, the picture-dealer, who made a rush for the rising genius. The picture was painted to order for an American, and is now in this country. Prosperity found him ready to indulge his taste for luxury and splendor with as much ardor as adversity made him long-suffering; he now inhabits one of the most noted studios in Paris, near Meissonier and Goupil, and is married to a young widow of fortune, whose portrait is to be seen in the picture of "The Studio," exhibited at one time in this City. Edward King, who contributes to this number of *Lippincott's* another installment of his articles on Hungary, speaks in this way of Munkacsy's personal appearance while alluding to the types of nationality to be observed in Pesth:

"In a few years the last brigand will have vanished, in company with the remaining bits of costume to which certain people in Hungary still fondly cling. Let the artist who would seek the picturesque aspects of peasant-life in this country hasten, for the young generation is getting into the hideous black clothes, slouch hats, and sombre petticoats that offend the eye in Northern Germany. Munkacsy has painted a few bits from sketches made among the lower classes of his fellow-countrymen. Here from a corner of his studio crouches Liszt, and what a noble head the artist himself has! It is a real Hungarian type, symmetrical, strong, framed in handsome beard and crowned with finely-colored hair. When Munkacsy walks on the Paris boulevards, passers who do not know him turn to stare at him. 'If he is not something exceptional, he ought to be,' they say to themselves. One sees a score of striking faces in the course of a day's walk in Pesth."

In regard to the artistic standing of Munkacsy, we may listen to what Mr. John R. Tait has to say of him, without forgetting, however, that it is from a personal friend and fellow-laborer who probably has been more or less influenced by the Hungarian:

"In an age when art too frequently ministers to a depraved sensualism or an epicene sentimentality, and delights in barbaric decoration, in brutal realism, and in the delineation of morbid sensations or trivial anecdotes, it is refreshing and worthy of note to witness the recognition this young Hungarian has obtained by works which are drawn from the pure fresh inspiration of nature and which, while free from being didactic or *tendenziös*, seldom fail to leave in the beholder the impression of a high moral aim and noble impulse."

We have learned to look at the name of Felix L. Oswald for articles on South America containing more than usually trustworthy accounts of natural objects. The present paper relates to the formation, in 1759, of the volcano of Jorullo, in the State of Michoacan, Central Mexico, and the enormous chasm which occupies the site of a great and once fertile plain. It is this *barranca* which gives the paper its title of "A Gate to the Nether World," for it is a crater 16 miles long and 80 yards wide, having perpendicular sides and an unfathomable depth. One portion of the *barranca* has an unsavory reputation for ejecting great masses of rock suddenly to the distance of many miles, exactly as if shot from a mortar. The Jorullo volcano is interesting to geologists for being an exception to the rule that volcanic action shows itself on the edges of oceans. Under the title "In a Cabinet," Frederic M. Bird discourses instructively about coins and Roman Emperors, while the fiction for the month is in the hands of a number of women writers more or less well known. Rebecca Harding Davis writes "The Colonel's Venture;" Ellen W. Olney, "Through Winding Ways;" Mary N. Prescott, "Carrie Pane;" Margaret J. Preston, verses called "Not Worth the While;" E. S. F., a sonnet on "Ferns," and Howard Glyndon, verses called "Substitution." Mary E. Blair finds in France the subject for her "Daughters of the Legion of Honor," and Maria P. Woodbridge has an American biographical sketch under the title of "The Latter Days of the Blennerhassetts." Margaret Sullivan writes on "Lord Beaconsfield," and the anonymous writer of "Women's Husbands" gives chapters 3 and 4 of "Narcissus."

THE PRINCETON REVIEW.

—Instead of reserving its best efforts for the opening number of the new year, this solid bi-monthly expended itself on the November-December issue of the year just passed. For January and February we have no such remarkable series of papers as the preceding review could boast; the list falls again to the usual mark of respectable mediocrity. Dr. John W. Draper, of the University of New-York, does a little toward raising the standard in a paper on "The Political Effect of the Decline of Faith in Continental Europe." It is not the first time, he says, that Europe has exhibited a decline in belief, a weakening of those restraints which religion has over public life. There is once more an impending crisis. To whom shall we attribute this disorder—whose fault is it?

"Scarcely is the question uttered—the ecclesiastic exclaims: It is all due to science. She has been incessantly obtruding her pestilent opinions, she has undermined the solid basis on which men were living, and here we have the result. For the tranquillity of life, the repose which society once enjoyed, there is nothing but uncertainty; she has led men to believe that God is a mere word, that Nature is capable of himself, that there is nothing outside to help him. She has insidiously taught him that the intellectual heritage delivered to him by his forefathers through so many centuries is only a delusion, and by such suggestions has brought him into a condition of individual discomfort and social discontent. Even if it be true that mediæval life was passed in a world of errors, what does that matter? Shall we not estimate the value of any philosophical system by the happiness it can confer? Is not a man who believes that the earth is flat and finds comfort in the conclusions he can draw therefrom better off than he who thinks that it is a globe—an idea which may plunge him into an abyss of irreligion and misery?

"The anger thus manifested against those who point back to the Middle Ages, their thought, and their manner of life, is like that which was doubtless manifested by many a pious Athenian in the old days. When a shipmaster who had returned from a voyage the previous month or two, was asked if he cared that none of the people living there had ever heard of Proteus, 'the old man of the sea, who tended his ocean calves in the shadow of the rocky shores,' and who could divulge all future events if caught and properly constrained—such a shipmaster might well expect the displeasure of those who had faith in the faith of old times, and those who had an interest in the prosperity of ovalos.

"What had this shipmaster or this traveler done to bring upon himself public malediction? He had only related facts that had come under his own observation. There was no fault, no crime in that. Such was the manner in which the legends and the religious traditions connected with them disappeared from the popular mind. They were found out."

Dr. Draper has no direct suggestion to make on the subject, and his paper is merely suggestive; he may set one thinking, but will give no conclusions. Prof. Francis A. Walker, of Yale College, has an exhaustive Essay, "The Monetary Conferences of 1867 and 1878," on the present condition of the finances of the United States and Europe. He concludes that for us there are only four ways open. First—We may let things drift, continuing, under the present law, to coin silver at the rate of $2,000,000 or $4,000,000 a month. Second—We may stop the coinage of silver, but accumulate silver bullion in the Treasury to an equal or greater value. Third—We may drop all concern about silver, repeal the Allison bill, resume specie payments on a gold basis, and either remain permanently gold monometallic, or await the re-establishment of bimetallism in Europe, if those States will take the trouble, expense and risk involved in setting it up again. Fourth—We may remove all restrictions upon the coinage of silver dollars. Of these four, the second is that to which Prof. Walker inclines. England, in 1816, and Germany, in 1867, are the authors of the present difficulties in the finances of the world.

Chief-Justice Cooley, of Michigan, has a legal essay on "The Surrender of Fugitives from Justice," and Prof. Thorold Rogers, of the University of Oxford, supplements the paper of Prof. Walker by his dissertation on "Causes of Commercial Depression." Among them he reckons the changes in gold or silver currency, to which the former paper is entirely devoted. Dr. J. Hutchinson Stirling, of Edinburgh, indulges in the favorite pastime of the Scottish divine—metaphysics—and writes on "The Philosophy of Causality." The more strictly ecclesiastical papers are by President W. D. Killen, of Belfast Presbyterian College, "The Conscience as Witness for Christ;" by Dr. Stuart Robinson, of Louisville, "The Pulpit and Skeptical Culture," and by Prof. Bernhard Weiss, of the University of Berlin, "The Day at Cæsarea Philippi." Prof. B. F. Cocker, of the University of Michigan, has a paper on "Moral Government; Its Two Postulates—the Freedom of Man and the Personality of God." He denies that the monistic theory of evolution has succeeded in filling up the gap between the anthropoid ape and man even in the line of morphology, and is confident that it cannot fill up the chasm in the line of psychology.

LITERARY NOTES.

—*My Guardian* is a pleasant, lively novel by Ada Cambridge, reprinted by D. Appleton & Co. The wicked guardian and the sordid guardian have been shown very often in print. The present guardian is the hero of the book, and, after much tribulation, is united to his ward.

—Harper & Brothers include in their "Half-hour Series" Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield," and a "Primer of Spanish Literature," by Helen S. Conant. The new novel of "The Library of American Fiction" is "Captain Nelson," a romance of colonial days, by Samuel Adams Drake.

—Rev. Henry T. Cheever issues a volume of "Autobiography and Memorials of Ichabod Washburn," to show how a large business was developed and large wealth acquired for the uses of benevolence. It traces the rise of Mr. Washburn from a position of labor to that of capital, from employe to employer, and explains his methods of making his charities do the greatest amount of good.

—Paul Heyse, the popular German novelist, whose *Im Paradies* stands twelfth on the list of Appleton's translations of foreign authors, supplies the fifteenth volume with four short stories: "Count Monrevel's Home," "The Dead Lake," "The Fury," (*D'Arrabiata,*) and "Judith Stern." Mr. E. L. Burlingame has edited this book also, and gives a few pages to introduce Heyse more thoroughly to his American audience.

—Dr. Henry Raymond Rogers, of Dunkirk, N. Y., prints a little book of *Theories of the Great Physical Forces*, in which he advances the idea that the sun is not incandescent, but cool and habitable. The brightness of the fluid (vito-magnetic) between the sun and earth intercepts the view. The light of the moon and planets is not a borrowed light, but purely cooperative. He thinks light is instantaneous, and not measurable, as supposed.

—Porter & Coates, Philadelphia, will publish about the middle of the present year the third volume of the Count de Paris' *History of the Civil War*. It will contain without abridgement the fifth and sixth volumes of the French edition, and will embrace the account of the battles of Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Fort Hudson, and other events of the war, to Jan. 1, 1864. The fourth volume, completing the work, is expected during the year.

—Derby Brothers publish for Mrs. Hugh L. Brinckley certain vigorous paragraphs in a small book called *A Woman's Thoughts About Men*. In this the essayist turns the tables on men, and assumes their position when ridiculing the foibles of women. What Mrs. Brinckley says may be quite true, but the world will not take notice of old facts related in old ways. Only a novel dress will serve to point the moral against fops, egotists, and faithless husbands.

—Mr. S. L. Frey, author of the paper entitled "Relic Hunting on the Mohawk," in a recent number of the *American Naturalist*, has recently made a "find" of a most interesting character, comprising skulls of very peculiar formation, and several implements of unknown use. He considers the articles suggestive of a much more ancient race than the Indians or the Mound-builders, and will soon give the facts to the public through one of the magazines.

—Prof. Boyesen's book on Goethe and Schiller has had the benefit of the late Bayard Taylor's suggestions, and is said to give in general the latest results of German scholarship. Works as late as Grimm's last year's *Lectures on Goethe* have been drawn upon for material. The review of Goethe's life and work takes in all that long biographical research has furnished as to facts, and the essay on Schiller is said to be hardly less minute than that on Schiller's friend and master.

—The London Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge issues, through Pott, Young & Co., of New-York, four neatly-printed little books on the "Conversion of the West." They treat respectively on "The Celts," "The Northmen," "The English," and "The Continental Teutons." The last-mentioned is by Very Rev. Charles Merivale; the others by Rev. G. F. Maclear, Head Master of King's College School. Each book contains one or more maps, and can be read easily in four or five hours by a leisurely reader.

—The recent discussions concerning priority of invention of the speaking telephone prepare the way for a more general interest in a new publication by D. Appleton & Co. This is a volume on *The Speaking Telephone, Electric Light, and Other Recent Electrical Inventions*, by George B. Prescott. According to Mr. Prescott, as here quoted, the early experiments were sometimes too good to be true. A learned scientist was called upon to say something to be heard 50 miles off. The sage hesitated, and then said, "Hey diddle, diddle—follow that pup!" He then put the telephone to his ear, and announced with glee: "He says, cat and the fiddle!" The next day it was found that the real answer of the speaker 50 miles away was, "Please repeat."

—A new international journal, ecclesiastical and religious, has been started in London and New-York under the title of *The Catholic Presbyterian*. In this City Anson D. F. Randolph & Co. will be the publishers, and Revs. William Adams, John Hall, and T. W. Chambers on the Advising Committee. On that of Great Britain and Ireland are Profs. Flint, Rainy, and Calderwood, of Edinburgh. The editor is Prof. W. G. Blaikie, D. D., F. R. S. E., represented in this City by Dr. G. D. Matthews. The January number of this religious monthly contains a paper on "Missionary Sacrifices," from the unpublished manuscripts of the late David Livingstone; an article, by Eugène Bévellland, on "Religious Reform in France," and something about the centenary of Voltaire, by E. de Pressensé, of Paris.

—Scribner & Co., the publishers of *Scribner's Monthly* and *St. Nicholas*, enter the field as book publishers with a volume of "Spiritual Songs," selected and arranged by Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D. The psalms and hymns are divided among various departments, such as for the Lord's day, the house of prayer, the sacrifice of praise, &c., and are governed by two indexes, of subjects and of first lines of hymns, as well as by an index of tunes, of authors, and of meters. There is also an index of first lines of stanzas, excepting the first stanza, they being given in the former index. Another still refers to Scripture texts. The music for church and choir is printed in the text at no fixed point on the page. Clear large type and a sober binding add to the attractions of this devotional volume.

—Mr. H. S. King, of the firm of Henry King & Co., Cornhill, London, died last month, leaving $800,000. He succeeded the celebrated book-selling house of Smith, Elder & Co. in a part of their business, including "the old stand" in Cornhill. Smith, Elder & Co. will be remembered, were the first to recognize the superlative merits of Currer Bell, formed, also, close relations with Thackeray, and became the publishers of the *Cornhill Magazine*, when it adventured under his editorship. Subsequently Mr. Smith determined to start the *Pall Mall Gazette*, taking its name from Arthur Pendennis' paper. Among its leading contributors was Thackeray's boy *camerado* "Big Higgins"—better known as "Jacob Omnium," from his letters to the *Times* under that signature—a familiar figure to all Londoners of 35 and upward. The house of Smith & Elder had for years curiously combined a banking and publishing business, arising out of a design to accommodate both in financial and literary matters a great East India connection. Thus, they were particularly well known to the Col. Newcomes, Mr. Binnays, &c.; in a word, all that class with which Thackeray, the son of an Anglo-Indian, was familiar in his youth. Mr. King was a remarkably fortunate man, who rose from being clerk in a book-seller's store at Brighton to marrying a Duke's niece and dying a millionaire. He bore an exemplary character.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A BOATMAN ON FREE CANALS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Allow me to say a word in regard to your editorial in THE WEEKLY TIMES of Jan. 8, 1879, "The State Canals." I am a boatman, and have had a practical experience of 15 years on the canals of this State and on the Canadian canals. In regard to low tolls, I don't think there is a single boatman who can truthfully say he has been benefited one cent. As tolls have been reduced so have freights been reduced, so that the real gainers have been the shippers. In regard to Mr. G. W. Schuyler's plan of changing the size of the lock, also the shape of the boats, it looks to me to be simply nonsense. Why, in order to have boats of 275 tons burden pass easily in the canals, the entire length of the Erie, Oswego, and Champlain Canals would have to be doubled in size, also all the locks. The largest class boats now in use on the canals are of about 119 tons burden, and there is not an inch of room to spare. And how Mr. Schuyler, or any other man, can build 447 miles of canal and 181 locks and about 400 bridges for the sum of $700,000 is more than I can tell, and then to give the use of the canals to the boatmen and shippers free—well, it would be generous. I think the tax-payers of this State have got all the white elephant they want in the shape of the new Capitol. Albany will be busy getting another in the shape of free canals. Here is my plan: Let the canals be made self-supporting; do away with some of the high-salaried canal officers, who do nothing but draw their pay, and, in fact, let the canals alone for a few years. As no time in 15 years have the canals been in better shape than they are now, and with some small ordinary repairs they will do very well as they are for the next 10 years.

W. D. G.

WHITEHALL, Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1879.

A SLOW COURT.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The Court of Common Pleas is at present the slowest court in this County. This is not to be wondered at. One of its Judges is the most part of the year doing duty in the Supreme Court, by virtue of a Gubernatorial mandate. Now, robbing "Peter to pay Paul" is very poor policy, indeed, generally. In this instance suitors suffer as well as their lawyers. Two years ago all the causes on the calendar of the Court of Common Pleas were called and disposed of, either by trial or otherwise. Why not pursue the same course again, and give an opportunity to litigants to have their suits determined? The way things are going on at present there is no telling when a case will be reached on the day calendar. It is well known that when the General Term of this court is in session the Trial Terms are almost completely neglected. With only two available Judges, one of whom holds Chambers, the jury calendar makes little or no progress when the General Term sits. Is there no remedy for this short term business? Is nothing wanting, that our Superior Court, once so slow, has got ahead of the Common Pleas, and for this progress we are indebted to a Judge of the self-same Common Pleas.

LAWYER.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15, 1879.

SOME WRONGS OF ARTISANS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

A householder who fails to use common sense in the employment of men or the purchase of goods should not complain. As a rule, in New-York, nine out of ten men in the different mechanical branches of trade served no apprenticeship, are incompetent and ignorant, and hire men like themselves, in order to lord it over them, and deceive the people who, as householders, complain of the general imposition practiced on them.

There are carpenters, masons, plumbers, tin and stove men who served an apprenticeship and learned their trades under the old masters; they worked, and took a pride in doing their work, well, until forced out to make room for the unprincipled upstarts who are grinding the life out of artisan and householder alike to make money. A man who can work and is not ashamed or afraid to work should receive the householders' support, and be paid, not as a beggar receives his pittance, but as a man who has well-earned his money, and who does what they must expect to be robbed as they are. You have given some points—how many an artisan could give—of these very householders in many cases. I will give one: A contractor calls for estimates on two houses; he gets four bids on the staning; the lowest one will not pay for the brand of tin required for the roofs; the second, carbon, nails, putty, and paint are a loss. The cornices, leaders, and gutters, with all the work, are thrown in. Now, tell me how can artisans be honest and stand such a process as this? R. M. R.

ORSINI BOMBS.

Naples Correspondence of the London Times.

One of the necessary elements of happiness to the Neapolitan—noise—has been, too, prohibited by the Police. Such prohibitions have year after year been attended by no result, but this year great activity has been displayed and a large estimate made of fire-works, especially of the loudest and most dangerous, called bombs. They are sold commonly in the shops, or have been so, under the suggestive name of "Orsini bombs." Though made of paper, they inflict very dangerous wounds, as the Hospital of the Pellegrini can report, and occasion such a fearful noise as to seriously alarm the nervous or the sick. It is by no means pleasant to have one of these exploded under your legs while taking an evening stroll, and the Police have done good service in seizing large quantities. Very early in the week 4,000 of these Orsini bombs had been captured; later, and in almost every quarter of the city, many hundred of others had been seized. Some of these weighed upward of two pounds, others one pound, and upward. You may easily imagine what consternation might have been spread and what wounds inflicted by their explosion. By proper energy and the determined execution of the existing laws, these and many other criminal nuisances might long ago have been prevented; but the laws are never strictly enforced. There is a law which mentions capital punishment in cases of murder; but a man can shoot and mutilate and hack his neighbor to pieces in Italy—say, may, perhaps, attempt to assassinate the sovereign—without this law being executed. Of what use is it to talk about the all-sufficiency of existing laws if they are never enforced? No doubt the political agitation, under which the country is heaving has not a little contributed to the social distress which prevails here. In various ways it creates a feeling of uncertainty which reacts on industry. People do not know what they are to expect or hope for, and so there is a general uneasiness.

A TURKEY LOSES HIS CLOTHES WHILE DRUNK.

From the Bangor (Me.) Whig, Jan. 18.

A Glenburn farmer came into the city recently, and among other things purchased some rice and a pint of whisky. Fearing that the bottle might get broken on the way home, he placed it in the box containing the rice. When he reached home and took the box from the pung he found that the stopple had got out of the bottle, and rice and whisky were thoroughly mixed. He dumped the contents of the box behind the barn, and in a short time a huge turkey came along and, as he was not as particular as the farmer, gobbled up the medicated rice. Shortly after this the farmer was greatly surprised to find the turkey lying out behind the barn "dead as a door-nail," and vowing vengeance on the man who sold him whisky rank enough to kill a turkey, he carried the bird into the house. The farmer was soon after seen carrying the naked bird—as every feather was gone with the exception of the wings and tail—out behind the stable, where he left it on the snow. The next morning when he entered the stable, it being hardly light, he detected what he thought was the ghost of that intemperate turkey and could almost feel his hair rise, but he made up his mind to investigate the matter and boldly advanced. Imagine his surprise, and perhaps horror, to discover the bird shivering on the roost, and looking at him with reproachful eyes for having stolen his clothes while helplessly drunk. At last accounts the turkey was doing as well as could be expected during this zero weather.

A NEGRO WOMAN'S LOVE FOR HER CHILD.

From the Abbeville (S. C.) Medium.

A little negro, 2 or 3 years old, fell into Mr. J. D. Pace's well near Hodges last week, and was almost miraculously delivered from death, by its mother. The well was 40 feet deep and the child fell to the bottom. The mother was some 50 yards distant from the well at the time of the accident, but rushed to the rescue and descended the well, holding to the wall rock and the piping of the pump. The child was found clinging to the pump up to its mouth in water and beyond the power of speech. The woman placed it in a bucket which had been lowered to her, and with this load on her head safely climbed back to the surface again. But few such instances as this of miraculous escapes and motherly devotion ever occur, and as such it is

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

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WALLACK'S THEATRE.—Ours.
UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—Raphael's Daughters.
PARK THEATRE.—Dot.
NIBLO'S GARDEN.—Ben. McCulloch.
STANDARD THEATRE.—H. M. S. Pinafore.
BROADWAY THEATRE.—Les Fourchambault.
THEATRE COMIQUE.—Vaudeville.
THE AQUARIUM.—Afternoon and Evening.
SAN FRANCISCO HALL.—Love's Endurance.
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GILMORE'S GARDEN.—Skating and Music.
MASONIC HALL.—Tom Thumb Troupe. Matinée.

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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for to-day in this region, colder north-west to south-west winds, partly cloudy or clear weather, and rising, followed by falling, barometer. The temperature will rise slowly during Monday night.

Only six weeks of Congress now remain, and there continues just as much of a rush of bills as there could be if the session were to last six months longer. On Friday the Senate bills numbered 1,642, and those in the House 5,861. Many of the largest appropriation bills have yet to be matured in committee, and very few of the general appropriation bills have been passed. There was at the beginning of the session the usual preliminary advertisement of the hopeful forwardness of the business in the hands of the Appropriations Committee, and the usual tame and impotent conclusion now stares us in the face. The appropriation bills block the way. They will be imperfectly considered, and general legislation will fail of being considered at all. To-day being a day when bills may be introduced under "a call of the States," there will be another avalanche, and a debate which may consume the time of an entire sitting is liable to spring up at any moment.

The large losses by the recent fires in Grand-street and Worth-street, in this City, have awakened a lively discussion among business men. Millions of property have been wiped out of existence in a few hours. The admirable Fire Department of the City has been unable to cope with either of these fires, its efforts finally being restricted to keeping the flames from spreading far and wide. Reporters of The Times have gathered the opinions of many experts who are conversant with the character of the business buildings of the City; and it will be seen that there is a general belief that these so-called fire-proof structures are not what they seem. They are easily set on fire, and once the flames are started the building is doomed. If there should be a brisk gale blowing when some such fire as that which occurred in Worth-street was under full headway, nothing could prevent the destruction of a vast amount of property. The laws regulating construction are imperfect; they are not enforced; and greedy builders save money by weakening their work just where it should be strongest. "Contract work" is the bane of our present system of building. There have been many large losses lately, which are directly chargeable to defects which could and should be remedied. It is time that these expensive lessons were heeded.

As might have been expected, there is a disagreement between the Indian Bureau and military authorities as to the causes of the late escape of Cheyennes from Fort Robinson. It was charged that the Indians had not been sufficiently fed, and that rather than go back to the Indian Territory in the dead of Winter they fled to the mountains. On the other hand, it is now asserted that full rations were served out to the Cheyennes, and that the only complaint made by the Indians was that they were not allowed supplies of coffee, sugar, and other articles only offered to them as inducements to work. And it is further explained that the Indian Bureau requested the military authorities as long ago as Nov. 16, when the weather was mild and pleasant, to make the proposed transfer. The delay of five weeks gave the Cheyennes opportunity and motive for an escape. Unless this statement is disproved, the responsibility for the Cheyenne stampede, as well as for its bloody consequences, rests with the military people.

A reorganization of the civil service in the South is said to be under consideration. The last changes were made in the interest of peace, good-will, and sectional harmony. The proposed reorganization is to be made in the interest of law and order. At the beginning of the present term of Administration it was urged that the disorders in the South were due to the dissatisfaction of the people with the law officers, most of whom were Republicans, or "Radicals." The policy of conciliation demanded the removal of these men, if the laws of the Republic were to be enforced. It was too much to ask of men, who had lately been conciliated, that they should be amenable to laws administered by officers whose political affiliations were objectionable. The change has not been altogether for the better. Not to put too fine a point, there is more lawlessness in the South now than there was when the hated Radicals represented the power of the Government. Senator Gordon's appointees in Georgia do not enforce the laws, and there is an impression prevailing in Washington that the people of some of the States do not so much object to the officers as to the statutes. Singularly enough, The Times long since advanced this very reasonable theory.

"The Democratic Legislature of 1879," we are told by a New-Orleans Democratic journal, "has built itself a lasting monument in the hearts of the people," by ordering a convention to frame a new Constitution for Louisiana. Those who are interested in the "true inwardness" of this enthusiastic outburst on the part of an organ of the *de facto* Government in Louisiana, will find it in some of the statements of our Washington correspondent yesterday. The Constitution which is now to be overthrown limits the debt of the City of New-Orleans, limits State taxation, and sets apart a fixed annual contribution to pay the interest on the State debt. These features are disagreeable to the gentlemen who are at present engaged in plundering Louisiana, and it is largely on this account, we suspect, that they have been engaged in building for themselves "a lasting monument" on its ruins.

That extremely elastic politician, Gen. B. F. Butler, so far from being flattened out by his defeat in Massachusetts, rebounds with new determination. He announces his intention to run for Governor again next Autumn, and he is confident that this time he "will make the trip." The General is early in the field; in fact, he has camped among his dead and wounded, and his plan of campaign is sketched on what was thought to be his own political coffin. He will have a newspaper organ to begin with, and thus a profession which has suffered great indignities at the hands of the Claimant may at last be avenged. There was danger that Massachusetts politics might become dully respectable. With assurance of the perpetual candidacy of Butler, the political field in the Bay State will be lively for years to come.

LIGHT FROM LOUISIANA.

The letter of our special correspondent with the Teller committee in Louisiana gives some of the facts which have already been gathered there. He does not, of course, seek to anticipate the judgment of the committee based on complete testimony and covering a wide field. But he sets forth in a succinct fashion the conclusions which he has himself derived from the testimony already taken from both parties in regard to matters in three parishes or counties. It will be seen that the question of the right of free suffrage in this case takes an entirely new form. The problem to be solved by the regular Democrats was still the suppression of the negro vote; but the negroes had new allies, worked for different aims, and left their oppressors without any of the pretenses by which their conduct has hitherto been justified, or at least excused. There was no longer any combination between negroes and Northern whites, and not essentially a combination of negroes and "scalawags," which is the slang of the section for Southern white Republicans. The negroes practically abandoned their own claim to direct representation in local government by nominating native white Democrats, and ex-Confederates at that, for local offices, Mr. Fairfax, a negro candidate for Congress, being the only one of his race who was prominently concerned in the campaign.

It might be supposed that this would be a successful experiment. It was a very interesting and a promising one. It showed the possession of political sagacity, within its sphere, of a sufficiently high order. It was exactly what their Southern critics, and a good many Northern ones, have always insisted was impossible with the negroes, an abandonment of everything like clannishness, a willingness to accept white leaders, a shrewd subordination of mere partisanship to larger interests; in a word, genuine political self-control. We should say that such an incident ought to delight the heart of Mr. Hayes. If he could have cited its success as due to his policy, it would have been a strong point, the first and only one, so far as we have observed, in its favor. It was a fair attempt to wipe out the color line, to associate the two races in a healthy and practical political partnership, and to secure good "home rule" by the same sensible processes that have so long and so successfully been employed in other parts of the Union.

Unfortunately, it did not work in the present instance. The men whose utterly unfounded, unjust, and undemocratic supremacy Hayes established in the Nicholls Government, are not the men to abandon a purpose because it has no sound bases in reason and fair play. If they had, as they have so often pretended, been fighting to prevent negro rule and to secure the management of local and State affairs by native white Democrats, they would not have interfered with the plan which our correspondent describes. They could not in decency have done so. They might, as Northern politicians would have done, have contended against it on grounds of party regularity, and to secure their personal control; but they would have seen that violence and fraud were at last without excuse. That they did not see this is due to the fact that they are blinded by hatred and selfish lust of power, and it shows how much reliance is to be placed on the pleas by which they justified their former insurrection and usurpation. They went on recklessly in their old path. They cheated their white rivals and "bull-dozed" their black ones, and they resorted to the most violent and unscrupulous means to raise the race issue, and so to intimidate the Barrows' new-made white allies, by fear of loss of social caste, from using their influence to defend their followers. The net result of their whippings, hangings, murders, and driving of negroes into exile, is the loss of at least two Republican members in the House of Representatives—no mean contribution to the power of their party in the national councils, and one which the country can appreciate when the organization of the next House is made.

But it is possible that the experiment has not been so hopelessly lost as it seems to have been. It will help to open the eyes of the country to the real character of the mean and vulgar despotism in the South to which the Democratic Party owes the degree of power it has already obtained, and by which it seeks to control all branches of the Federal Government. And the experiment may not—probably will not—be without its fruits in Louisiana, and possibly in other Southern States as well. The ice is broken, and white Democrats have led negro Republicans in a conflict with the "regular" machine. The sense of justice, and of self-interest also, has been aroused, and the victims of the miserably corrupt and ambitious clique who now rule Louisiana with a rod of iron, are not helpless and despised black men only, but white Democrats, men of property and local standing, with interests and political aspirations of their own. These men cannot but see, in the reckless misgovernment of the "regulars," an added incentive to resent the persecution and fraud to which they and their friends have been subjected. Our correspondent points out that already the white residents of the sugar districts have quietly compelled the agents of the Nicholls system of fraud and violence to behave themselves in those districts, because, if they did not, business interests of great magnitude would be ruined. The same motive, though not so strong or so obvious, exists in the rest of the State, and must make itself felt. The local quarrel in New-Orleans was an instance of its force. Corruption in the body politic, as in the human body, will work its own cure, sooner or later, if the body itself be strong enough.

INSURANCE AND THE LATE FIRES.

The immediate effect upon the fire insurance companies of the two great fires which have recently occurred in this City will be a lessening by a large amount of their financial resources at a time when they can ill-afford to spare a single dollar of their assets. As the merchants and property-owners who suffered loss in the fires of Tuesday and Friday nights were, with hardly an exception, well protected by insurance policies, the companies that stood behind them are to-day poorer by at least $3,500,000 than they were on the 1st day of January. The risks were well distributed, and hence the loss does not fall with overpowering force on any one corporation. Contributions to the amount of several hundreds of thousands of dollars will have to be made by the underwriters of Hartford, Boston, and Philadelphia, while the insurance companies of England, Germany, and France that have agencies here will have to pay as their share not less than $500,000. But though corporate insolvency may not be the result of these fires, as it was of the far greater conflagrations in Chicago and Boston, the underwriters see swept out of their coffers in the first half-month of the new year a sum sufficient to represent the larger part of their earnings during the whole of last year. How is this to be replaced? This is a question which the officers of insurance companies cannot fail to ask themselves and each other, when they recollect how hard it has been to pay ordinary running expenses and every-day losses out of the premiums that have been received for some time past. If the insurance business throughout the country is to be carried on as it has been for the last three years, it is safe to say that the money that the companies are now called upon to pay out will never be returned to them. In order to get back what has been lost, a change in the present system of doing business will have to be made.

Those who hold shares in our local fire insurance companies—and the number must be large, as $25,000,000 is invested in this manner—do not need to be told that, since the National Board of Underwriters abandoned its active work, the rates of premium all over the country have been pressed down by the underbidding of competing companies. This has forced the weaker organizations into a suspension of business, and has deprived many of the stronger ones of profits other than those obtained from their investments. It is true that in this respect *the insurance companies have not fared* differently from corporations and individuals who have been, during the same period, engaged in mercantile pursuits. But it should be remembered that fire underwriting is a peculiarly hazardous occupation, and those who risk money in it deserve to receive larger returns than are to be obtained from ordinary investments. If they do not, as a rule, get from 10 to 12 per cent. per annum on the par value of their stock, the chances are that in a series of years they will be out of pocket, for every now and then a sweeping fire compels the shareholders to make good an impairment in capital, if, indeed, it does not absorb all the assets of their company. Now, during the past three years, the profits upon the gross capital of all the companies doing business in this country have been considerably below the point mentioned above, although at the same time no fires of notable magnitude have occurred. With the opening of this year, however, we seem to be entering upon an era of great losses, and this, too, at a time when the companies are in anything but a prosperous condition.

It may seem hard to the merchant or the owner of real estate whose income has been cut down by the prevailing stagnation in trade to be told that he must pay higher rates of insurance if he wishes to receive adequate protection; but this must none the less be said. All insurance is to this extent mutual—that rates of premium have to correspond to the volume of loss. If warehouses are put up that can, with their valuable contents, be destroyed in an hour, we must continue to pay for our folly until we are taught by sad experience to build in a safer and better manner. The means of relief does not rest with insurance companies, for they merely protect property as they find it, but it is in the power of property-owners to put up buildings that will not burn down, and in this way to reduce the rates of insurance to the same level that they are in France, where the charges are only about one-tenth of what they now are here. In the meantime, the companies, if they would continue to exist, must demand a return commensurate to the risk they assume. This must not, and cannot, be done in this City alone, for the premiums of an entire year received for insuring property in this City would hardly more than pay for these two losses, and there are yet many months and many fires to be added to the present score before the 1st of January comes again. The action should be general, beginning, as is necessary, in the large cities, and extending into the country districts. Already steps have been taken in this direction in San Francisco, St. Louis, Boston, and this City, and companies doing a large agency business, as most of our New-York companies are, have only to properly use their influence to cause effective local boards to be formed in a hundred different localities within the next three months. The well-known National Board, which has its head-quarters here, is somewhat in disfavor on account of its past intermeddling with local affairs; but if its managers could be persuaded to adopt a new policy, its now disused machinery might be set in motion to some purpose.

COMPROMISE OF PUBLIC DEBTS.

In 1875, the debt then standing at about $4,000,000, the creditors of the City of Mobile accepted $510 in 6 per cent. bonds in exchange for $1,000 of the old 8 per cents., the reduction being 25 per cent. from the interest rate, and 49 per cent. from the principal. The debt now stands at $1,785,000 of those bonds, which are in default since last May, and a new proposition comes up to reduce the interest to 2 per cent. for the next ten years, to 3 per cent. for the following ten, and to 4 per cent. for the remaining seven years before the maturity of the bonds; the alternative hinted at is the abolition of the city itself, in the technical sense, by the repeal of its charter. The bonds of Mobile are quoted nominally here at 25, as are those of Memphis, where the same expedient for procuring financial relief has lately been proposed. Besides the seven Southern States which may be said to have no financial standing, there are nine Southern cities, some of whose bonds are quoted at 60 or below, and seven whose bonds are at or under 50.

A few years ago, one of those peculiar "cities," which exist more on paper than in any other place, having ceased to derive satisfaction from the debt by which it had mortgaged a future growth that remained future, sought to dispose of the trouble by the original expedient of moving the city itself over its existing boundaries, to a new spot on the prairie; when other cities, too large to be physically moved, contemplate destroying their identity and expunging their debts by a legal fiction, it becomes as idle to discuss the equity as the legality of the scheme. The United States Supreme Court—as shown in the very recent decision that a city cannot tax its own bonds in the hands of holders, because in borrowing money States and cities are not acting as sovereignties but come down to the level of individuals—has not been slack to uphold the rights of bondholders; but it is idle to urge that a contract cannot be abrogated by subsequently repealing a charter. The counsel of an imprisoned debtor once reiterated the assurance that he could not be put in jail upon the existing state of facts, whereupon the other, with some warmth, insisted that nevertheless he was in jail. We have already shown, in exhaustive reviews of the subject of remedies for public creditors, that there is practically no way of enforcing their rights to the extent of getting the money. Municipal corporations are not liable to punishment; their revenues are exempt from seizure, either in the Treasury or in transit to it; in some States, their private property—that is, such as is held for profit and not for public trusts or uses—is liable to execution, but in fact they have no property of such a sort. If recusant, there is no course but to overcome their recusance and make them raise the money by tax; for this there is no recourse except the barren one of a mandamus or order, which the Supreme Court will grant as often as the creditor desires. As for sending officers to make a levy, or permitting private property to be touched, the court has repeatedly declined to do either. If the public body does not pay, the courts will order it to pay; if it will not do so then, why, it need not.

This is simply the fact of the case, and it *is not easy to see why any city should take* the trouble to get its charter repealed in order to throw off a debt which, practically, is not collectible. Aside from the matter of the amount and character of the original debt, the real obstacles to the payment of the amount to which the Southern debts have been, or might be, reduced are two: a very bungling revenue arrangement—such as we have recently pointed out in the case of Virginia—and a rooted unwillingness to be taxed. The rate which is to be imposed is understood to be what can be collected, and what can be collected is understood to be what the people are perfectly willing to pay. Reducing the tax rate is considered to be refraining from asking the people to submit to any inconvenience, and there is scarcely any disposition to recognize that any duty is owed to the creditor; on the contrary, he is regarded as an odious and conscienceless person for wanting anything. This feeling is shown even in official documents, as when the City Auditor of Mobile remarked that "unscrupulous bondholders succeeded in grinding out of the poverty of our people the satisfaction of their claims;" but it is not strange that public officials defer to the sentiment of their constituencies.

This being the case, there seems to be no basis for compromises, for they require good faith as a condition precedent. The Funding Association is trying to effect reductions to a reasonable and permanent basis; but until there is visibly a change in the disposition of the indebted communities, there is no sort of guaranty that the first scaling is not merely a convenient step for reaching the second. In some instances this has proved so, and it is in human nature that it should be so. But if it is to be the rule, or if there can be no such change wrought as will give reasonable promise of a better issue, then, we feel compelled to say, it is better that the whole idea of negotiation were abandoned. Inasmuch as any community has only to do nothing at all in order to practically escape paying its debts, there is no reason why it should take the trouble to commit legal hari-kari, or to announce a formal repudiation, unless it deliberately chooses to take the position of absolute and final refusal. Simply not paying, it comes into discredit, but leaves the possibility of paying some time hereafter; publicly declaring that it disowns its debts, it writes its own epitaph financially. To do this is not necessary, and yet, unless compromises can have better promise hereafter, we incline to think it best for all interests that no more be made, and that the alternative to payment be flat repudiation. And this, for the reason that scaling, without a fixed resolve to keep faith, reaches the same end, and does it by the successive steps which conceal that end from right and blunt conscience and sagacious self-interest together. It is a demoralizing and ruinous process, because a gradual one, for the easy descent into *avernus* is always down a ladder of short steps, never by a plunge; but if the plunge had to be contemplated at first, it might deter from taking it.

THE BOARD OF NAVAL ASSISTANTS.

Just before the holiday recess, Mr. Harris introduced into the House, with the sanction of the Naval Committee, a bill to create a Board of Naval Assistants—a measure of almost as grave importance to the future of the Navy as the Burnside bill is to the future of the Army. There is much to be said against this project, and no doubt it will all be said, and said strongly, by those whose powers and privileges would be curtailed or superseded. The faults of such a board would, like its merits, somewhat resemble those of a Board of Admiralty; but despite its manifest drawbacks, and despite the unusually good bureau service which happens now to exist, we think the project well worth consideration.

Mr. Harris' present bill is substantially the same as the one framed by that Congressman and reported at the last session. It has now, however, been amended by the committee, apparently with a view to disarm opposition, rather than with the hope of making it in all respects such a bill as the committee would like to report. Certainly, the sum of three millions, which last April's bill proposed to devote annually to the construction of vessels, was not extravagant, in view of the low condition to which Congress has suffered the Navy to dwindle; but it has now doubtless been considered a less revolutionary proposition to rely, instead, on such annual contributions to the construction fund as Congress may see fit to make. The main feature of the bill remains, namely, the appointment of a board which shall hereafter substantially take charge of the building and altering of vessels and engines for the Navy, and of armament and equipment. That some such authority is sorely needed the history of the past twenty years furnishes ample evidence; it is not too much to say that had it always existed, and been properly constituted, the scandals which have hung about the department as far back almost as the outbreak of the war for secession, would have been spared to the country, while the Navy would have had something to show for its scores of squandered millions. While in form the present bill and its predecessor of the last session are new, they are not entirely novel in substance. A Board of Navy Commissioners existed very many years ago, and performed much service. Its leanings, however, were so strongly to the side of retrenchment, close accountability, and the rigorous saving of candle-ends, that it become rather unpopular. It is singular at this day to imagine even the existence of such a governmental board; but it flourished in times when there was no public debt, and when the only resource for an overburdened Treasury was a division of surplus money among the States. Naturally, it became the object of criticism, precisely as any such board will become. In fact, the very multiplicity of minor details to which it gave its attention eventually caused it to be a clog to the easy working of the service, so that it fell under the aggregated weight of its own minute and manifold labors.

In the year 1842 the board was abolished, and the bureau system took its place. There is little question that the latter was called for, but experience under both might have spared the old board from utter extinction, and simply have distributed its routine details to bureaus. Twenty years later, when the war had broken out, and every nerve was strained to improvise a great Navy, the bureau system was enlarged and changed to meet the new conditions, and, as with most things so magnified, its defects became apparent. However, at that time, unstinted appropriations furnished means for repairing all wastes and blunders, and there was little time for criticising, and even less disposition to do so, when the Navy proved almost uniformly successful and of enormous value. The Secretary, also, was then fortunate in possessing as his assistant Mr. G. V. Fox, a man of extraordinary executive ability, who triumphed over many defects of system. But before the war had ended, and notably as soon as it was ended, the revelations of mismanagement became shocking. Wretched models, rotten hulls, worthless materials, incorrect dimensions and calculations, and tons upon tons of costly machinery only fit for the scrap-heap, to which a good part of it went, told year after year of the defective policy. Meanwhile, successive Secretaries were found to be depending for advice on persons outside the Navy concerning technical details. If the bureau chief immediately concerned could work in with those extra-naval counselors, something was gained for harmony, if not always for economy and integrity. But when in some cases it turned out that these advisers were contractors, or politicians playing into the hands of contractors, the degree of evil and scandal may be imagined—or, rather, may be remembered.

It is now generally admitted that the Navy must be reconstructed. Accordingly, this is the time to revise the system of reconstruction, and, first of all, to settle upon the authorities to whom it shall be intrusted, and who shall be held responsible for it. Of course, it would be easy to criticise what is the matter of first importance, namely, the composition of the proposed board. Here, however, the discussion trenches upon a difficult and sensitive point, namely, the relative representation of the line and the staff on the board. The plan actually agreed upon is the selection of the five chiefs of bureaus, who, of course, are to be first, and making the other five members to consist of "two line officers on the active list not below the rank of Captain," with three other persons, either civilians or active or retired naval officers—one, an expert in steam engineering; a second, in naval construction; a third, in ordnance. These five are to be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate, for their wide-reaching and important duties.

If these appointments should be properly made, the Board of Naval Assistants would apparently be one in which the Navy and the country could have confidence. The scope for mistakes of judgment is certainly more contracted than in the case of the British Admiralty Board, which consists of two Admirals, a Captain, and two members of Parliament. It may be suggested that as the Board of Assistants would be twice as large as the Admiralty Board, it would also be open to a possibly hampering diversity of opinion. Still, of our present system the Naval Committee last year said: "There is, and can be, no head to the bureau system; it is not, and never will be, a unit, acting harmoniously for the best good of the Navy." What the Board of Assistants, properly constituted, should bring to their work is, first, honesty; second, experience; third, intelligence and sound professional judgment. All these would find abundant scope for operation.

People who have faith in the published theories and opinions of physicians must be kept, one might think, in perpetual alarm about their health. They are very apt to learn every few weeks that something they have been doing or eating regularly, under the impression that it is very wholesome, is just the contrary; that the thing, whatever it be, cannot be continued without serious, perhaps fatal, consequences. Articles of food that have been esteemed very healthful are pronounced a fertile cause of disease, and are to be shunned as deadly. The latest alleged discovery of this kind is that the unoffending potato begets diphtheria. Several physicians of some local repute in the West have endeavored to sustain this theory, showing, however, more ingenuity than judgment thereby. All that is clearly shown is that some persons who eat potatoes have diphtheria, which is credible enough, since everybody eats potatoes. Some time ago it was claimed, on medical authority, that tomatoes generate cancer, and it has been asserted that grapes beget rheumatism. We can hardly think of any sort of diet which has not been declared very injurious some time by somebody. We expect every day to hear that fresh air is poisonous; that regular exercise is debilitating; that frequent change of linen does incalculable harm. According to physicians, taken as a body, nothing is quite safe. One tells you that to be entirely healthy you must pursue this course; another tells you that just such a course will destroy you. Among such a multiplicity of contradictory counselors the best rule is to listen to all, and obey your own common sense.

The project proposed some time since in Great Britain by leading Jews of the country to buy Palestine is said to have been completed. The Rothschilds, Montefiores, and other prominent and wealthy financiers have entire confidence, it is reported, in the success of the undertaking, and are moving energetically toward its early achievement. The Secretary of the association formed for the purpose, who is, by the by, a Christian in creed, says that the Jews of the whole world seem to be in sympathy with the plan, and will do their utmost, individually and collectively, to further it. Those familiar with Palestine will not regard it as specially desirable, for its main features are not very attractive. It is not an extensive country—not more than 145 miles long and 45 miles broad, on an average—and ought to be bought cheap. The plain of Philistia is its best part, the soil being of rich brown loam, without a stone. It is now, as it has always been, a vast grain-field—an ocean of wheat without a break or fence. Its extraordinary fertility is shown by the fact that it has produced the same succession of crops year after year for 40 centuries without artificial aid. Many tourists have such numberless associations with Palestine that they have idealized it prodigiously; but to a man who views it without bias it is a dreary, disagreeable land, its undulating surface, rounded hills separated by narrow glens, and its crevasses striking the eye monotonously and unpleasantly. So much has been said for generations of the Jews regaining possession of Jerusalem, that it is agreeable to think that they are likely to do so at last. They certainly deserve Jerusalem.

Americans are apt to think that they are recognized everywhere abroad, as they easily may be, by their pronounced and well-nigh unmistakable traits. Their opinion is correct, too, so far as most beaten routes of travel and many of the large cities are concerned. But in not a few of those the American is likely to be confounded with the Englishman, who stands for any and all who speak the English tongue. In Rimini, Cesena, Forlì, Bergamo, Urbino, Velletri, Volterra, and other Italian towns, every American is presumed to be an Englishman, if his race be known at all. So it is in out-of-the-way places in Germany and Austria and in various quarters of the East. But at any number of villages, and even in considerable towns off direct lines in France, Spain, Russia, and the Levant, neither America nor Americans have ever been heard of. Where they have been heard of nothing is known, often, of their form of government, their history, customs, or language, which is likely to be thought Spanish. The average Continental European is prone to regard the United States and all North and South America as the same, without any notion of their extent. He is prone to consider Boston an *outlying suburb of Buenos Ayres*, the City of Mexico as a ward of New-York, Rio and Philadelphia on opposite sides of some river, Vera Cruz the capital of Milwaukee, and Chicago and Quito in the same county. Is doubtless strikes the stay-at-home American as very queer that any foreigner should never have learned of the existence of the United States, but when he goes abroad he will find that but a small portion of the globe is acquainted with his habitat.

Prices at hotels in our large cities are generally, considering their accommodations, such as few reasonable men should object to, although the many have to pay at houses on the American plan for a good deal which the few get and they do not want. One charge, however, made at all the hotels—the charge for fires—is undeniably disproportioned to other rates, and may, indeed, be called exorbitant. The usual price, to transient customers, is $1 a day. A ton of coal sells ordinarily for about $5, and a bushel—there are about 100 bushels to a ton—commonly suffices for an average daily fire, making the material for the fire cost but 5 cents. Then the manner of managing, or mismanaging, fires at most hotels is as peculiar as it is unsatisfactory. The occupant of a room, having neither poker nor coal at hand, is forced to ring his bell more than once when he wants the fire replenished or improved. Generally, it takes time and taxes patience to get the fireman again; and, if the occupant be a bachelor or alone, and ordinarily irritable, he grows disgusted, and goes off. When he returns the fire is out, and he is not apt to make any effort toward its rekindling. But he pays his dollar precisely as though he had had a good fire all day and far into the night. As a rule, men who have rooms alone at an inn do not have fires six hours a day. Some of the hotels charge transient people only 75 cents, and many reduce the rate to 50 cents daily for regulars; but even this rate is so much dearer than it should be that we wonder it is not abated.

The official permission to marry given by the Old Catholics, had by Dr. Dollinger, to their priests, is accompanied with such restrictions as must be rather ungrateful to the class to whom it has been graciously extended. The Bishop must first be consulted respecting the fitness of the women selected for conjugal honors by the ecclesiastic; and, secondly, she must, it is alleged, please the majority of the congregation over which he presides. This would seem to amount to an insurmountable obstacle—to be granting a permission that cannot be made valid. We have no definite knowledge of the quality of the Old Catholic congregations; but if they resemble the majority of congregations of other churches, the feminine members can never be induced to approve of the woman the priest has elected, unless she be very plain and wholly uninteresting. In order to gain their suffrages, she must be devoid of all grace of person, mind, or manner; for very pious women are prone, as a rule, to such a prejudice in favor of, and to such a spiritual-sentimental admiration for, their Pastor that they would not be willing he should marry any one but themselves. Thus, the need of the approbation of the Bishop is very awkward. Hardly any man can see with the eyes of a lover, who is presumed to be either blind or supremely biased. The priest may think his sweetheart fit for a wife, but his superior will hold, in all likelihood, a different opinion. On the whole, the priestly permission to marry appears to be little more than nominal.

Dr. J. J. N. Pfeffoursch, who died recently at Madison, Ind., without attracting any notice, was a French exile, and had lived there for many years. He had been a friend and associate of Victor Hugo and men of his stamp; he was an ardent lover of freedom and a firm believer in republicanism, not for his native land alone, but for the whole civilized globe. He took active and prominent part in the revolution of 1848; lost an arm while commanding one of the barricades of Paris, and carried to the grave a deep scar from a wound received about the same time. He was bitterly hostile to Louis Napoleon from the beginning; opposed, along with Lamartine, Arago, and other Liberals, every advance of the usurper toward supreme power, and fled from France at the date of the coup d'état, feeling that he would be marked for vengeance. He refused to return to France, as he might have done afterward, during the Empire; but following its overthrow he resolved to go back. Poverty, illness, and age interfered, though he still meditated returning up to the last hour. He had been wealthy and a noted physician at home; but he left property and practice behind him when he sought voluntary exile. He was well known in Madison by his tall, erect figure, striking face, long gray hair and whiskers, and martial bearing. He was about 70, and, unlike most of his compatriots, he seldom if ever spoke of himself, though voluble and eloquent on the subject of France and French politics.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BLACK MAN.

WHAT A DEMOCRATIC PAPER SAYS—BEAUFORT COUNTY AS PROSPEROUS AS ANY IN SOUTH CAROLINA, NOTWITHSTANDING ITS COLORED MAJORITY—SMALLS' GREAT INFLUENCE WITH HIS RACE.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The following tribute to the black men of Beaufort County, South Carolina, from a recent issue of the *Beaufort Tribune*, a Democratic journal, refutes the slanders upon that class of citizens which are constantly put forth by Democratic newspapers in the South and Democratic orators in the North. In a leading editorial the Tribune says:

"With all the prejudice that exists toward Beaufort County and its acknowledged negro majority and alleged negro domination, we defy comparison with any other county in the State for the comparative prosperity of its laboring population and for the quietness and law-abiding character of its citizens. If even the argument against the possibility of the two races being able to abide together peacefully needs to be refuted, it is only necessary to consider the conditions in which the colored man and the white dwell here together, not only in unity, but with harmoniousness and accord. There is an undoubted majority in this county of 10 colored to 1 white, and so far from an antagonism existing between the two races, we assert with perfect sincerity, and with a degree of pride, that the mutual relation between the two are as distinctly preserved as if the white, instead of the colored race were in the ascendancy. The only oppression, if any, is in the absorption by the colored of most of the offices of profit and trust that are dependent upon the popular vote; but we feel certain that even that cause of complaint might be reversed if the same rule was not observed by the white inhabitants of other counties enjoying like advantages where the white and colored voter are more equally divided or where the white predominates. We think we are correct in asserting our belief that the most influential leaders among the blacks were in favor during the last campaign of putting forward better tickets for the support of all classes than were unfortunately foisted upon them. We believe that Smalls, who is certainly the most influential black man in the Republican Party of the State to-day, advocated a generous and discriminative one to be made of better elements than were put forward for the popular support. We think that but for the uncertain conditions that rested upon his case before the Supreme Court, whereby his active exertions to bring about a better selection of things were kept in abeyance, he would have dictated terms of distribution of some of the important county offices as would have satisfied the wishes of the most uncompromising of both races and of both political parties. There is no use disguising the fact that Smalls' influence among his race and people is overwhelming and could be made good use of. In our estimation he is not a bitter or violent party leader, and could be arrayed upon the side of good government with the slightest encouragement, and with the least countenance from his political opponents. Whatever of justice there may be in the conduct of his trial, which resulted in his condemnation, we can see no reason for withholding from him the same chances of condoning his offenses as have been granted to others by a magnanimous exercise of clemency and mercy. We do not propose to be his apologist, but we do think that it might be a wise and considerate policy to let up upon him, in view of his enforced retirement from public life. He will ever be a prophet among his race; need he be made a martyr, too? But we have digressed, we started out to say and we can prove that we compare favorably with other counties in material prosperity. Our laboring population, composed almost entirely of negroes, are peaceful, quiet, orderly, and very prosperous. Among our agricultural population we assert that they are less addicted to drunkenness and crime than the rural population of other counties. They are industrious and are producing a surplus for export upon less means and under greater disadvantages than any similar population in any other part of the State. They have no advances made to them by capital and they produce a sufficiency of the raw material to equal the demand. They work to disadvantage, but they nevertheless are producers of no mean amount of what brings money into circulation and adds their share to the productive industries of the country. We think that the negro population of our Sea Islands are as hard working, as civil, as orderly a class as are to be found in any land, and as long as they are as productively useful as they now are, we see no reason why they should not have some representation in our Legislatures. It is only unfortunate that the people do not address themselves to the task of so conciliating their political prejudices as would cause them to fuse in better elements to give force and character to the representation they should concentrate upon instead of being the dupes of loud-mouthed and incompetent members of their own race, simply because they are black. We believe that our statesmen have been guilty of shortsightedness in not compromising with their prejudices, and in not endeavoring to overcome them instead of embittering them."

AMUSEMENTS.

THE SUNDAY CONCERT AT BOOTH'S.

Mr. Strakosch's concert at Booth's Theatre last evening only drew a fairly good audience as to numbers, but what they lacked in this respect they made up in enthusiasm. The principal attractions of the evening were Mme. Teresa Carreno and M. Reményi as instrumentalists, and the vocalists were Señorita Gallmberti, Miss Giulia Mario, and Signor Lessrini. The singing was not worthy of special mention, for it did not rise above the level of the commonplace at any time during the evening. Mme. Carreno achieved a success and was twice deservedly encored. She played for her first selections a minuet arranged by Dulcken and Rubinstein's transcription of the march from Beethoven's "Ruins of Athens," and later in the evening Liszt's familiar "Rhapsodie Hongroise," No. 2. She gave these compositions with the finish and grace of a thorough artist, and her performance elicited the genuine applause which positive merit is pretty certain to command. Mme. Carreno responded to the recalls she received, notwithstanding the fatigue of the long and exacting pieces assigned to her. M. Reményi was in his happiest vein and played with his usual vigor and grace. He was, of course, recalled and obliged to respond with some of his favorite selections. He made his last appearance for the present on this occasion,

NEW-YORK'S GREAT PERIL.

THE WORST BUILT CITY IN THE WORLD.

LESSONS OF THE RECENT LARGE FIRES—THE SORT OF BUILDINGS THAT ARE PUT UP NOWADAYS — A TALK WITH UNDERWRITER HARRISON AND OTHER AUTHORITIES—WHAT AN OLD FIREMAN SAYS.

The recent large fires, which could not be got under control until they had entirely destroyed the buildings in which they originated, have given rise to question as to the character of the construction of the business buildings in New-York. Were these buildings constructed to withstand fire, or were they very generally so built as to offer every facility to the flames, and to baffle all efforts of a fire department whose efficiency nobody will dispute? That is a question of direct interest to every business man. The answers to it, obtained by a TIMES reporter, agree, without exception, in condemning the condition of the thousands of buildings which contain stock valued at many hundreds of millions of dollars. "This is the worst-built City in the world, startling as the statement may sound," said Mr. James W. Harrison, Chief of the Board of Fire Underwriters, and a gentleman thoroughly acquainted with the character of the City's buildings. "It actually frightens me when I look over my lists and see what miles of fire-traps we possess. It has only been through God's providence, as it seems to me, that the City has not been burned out half a dozen times over. We will not learn by experience. The buildings that are regarded as fine, substantial buildings go down like a flash, one after another, but what man about to build changes his plans any on that account? Sometimes I think the people who build are crazy in their recklessness and disregard of every principle of safety. It is wild to talk of fire-proof buildings in New-York. Count a few buildings out, and there are no structures left to which that term can be applied even relatively. How can there be any security where there are rows of great buildings with party-walls merely, built by contract, all show and sham? Go where you will, party-walls are the rule, not the exception. Our people seem to have an idea that the larger the building, the cheaper they can get it, and the *more display* they can make, the more they can accomplish. This being so, of course the proprietors of buildings aim to meet the demands of tenants, and the result is what can be seen by walking through any of the down-town streets where the vast trade of the City is done. Capitalists are not responsible for this state of things. When a man can save money by putting up an unsafe building, he is going to do it if there is no law to stop him. The laws are wholly responsible. The builder puts his money in a showy exterior, and heeds little what the material is which is to be hidden from sight. The law must prevent him from doing this. But what poor laws we have are not carried out. There is a law, for instance, which says that no building shall be of greater span than 75 feet without a partition wall. Yet, look at the building on Crosby-street, just above the scene of the recent fire. There is a span of 100 feet without any wall as required. After the great fire of December, 1835," Mr. Harrison continued, "capitalists were really awakened to the necessity of more substantial buildings. They put up a class of buildings considered fire-proof, as things were then understood, and those buildings, on the site of the great fire, are to-day the safest buildings in the City, because they are low, easily reached, and have independent walls. True, many of these are old and dilapidated now, but they were solid and substantial as buildings were regarded in their day. The more modern structures, as a rule, have tended toward the dangerous and unsubstantial. Building has steadily retrograded, with a few notable exceptions, instead of progressing. This is not from any lack of talent. We have the best architects in the world, but they are helpless. Next to the poor laws, and the failure to enforce even these, comes the evil of the contract system. Suppose a capitalist has a piece of ground 100 by 200 feet, which he wishes to cover with a building that will make a showy store and rent well. He gets from the architect plans which, if strictly carried out, would result in the production of a good, sound structure, more than moderately safe. But the plans are not carried out. The capitalist advertises for contracts. One builder offers to put up the building according to the plans for $175,000, say, or about the sum the architect estimated that the building should cost. Another contractor offers to do the work for $130,000, and still a third for $100,000. I have known many cases where the difference in the bids was fully one-half of the entire amount. The result is easy to forecast. The capitalist says to himself that if he can get his building erected in as showy style as the building contracted for half the money estimated by the architect as requisite, the tenant will never know the difference, and a large sum will be left free for other investments. The cheap contractor must save himself somewhere, and does it by using inferior material for the walls. Thus the new building is rotten precisely where it should be, and appears to be strong. Any business man of ordinary intelligence knows that if he sees that there is so extraordinary a difference in the bids of the contractors there is also dishonesty somewhere. As a member of the School Board, I have seen the evils of the contract system fully. In that case the law compels the award to the lowest bidder, and contracts have been given under that law when it was certain that the City was to be swindled."

Speaking of the buildings that were burned in Worth-street, Mr. Harrison said they were perhaps fairly representative of the general run of the buildings in that district, although there were less showy structures through White, Walker, Franklin, and other streets which were of somewhat better character. None of the buildings, however, could be classed as safe or anything like fire-proof, and a fire once well under way, with a wind to help it along, would be absolutely uncontrollable. We have need of the best fire department in the land, but no fire department could cope with a fire that got a good start in New-York. The merchants generally have been misunderstood, and by all the modern appliances endeavored to guard against the start of a fire. The modern appliances, as in the case of the buildings just destroyed, proved of little avail. They never did anything, except lower the rates of insurance.

As an interesting fact in connection with the history of these buildings and their owners, bearing on showing how recklessly the builders proceed in their work, Mr. Harrison said that when he began to make his insurance reanvver of New-York, he found that these showy structures had what was termed a half-story between the first and second floors, thus forming an additional story without partition walls such as divided the buildings on the lower floors, but with mere plaster partitions. Had not this defect been discovered and remedied, the fire of Friday night would have had full sweep through the attic, and the firemen would have found themselves driven from the field. Just such carelessness and disregard of safety characterized much of the work builders had done within the last decade, and were still doing. The rates of insurance on the Worth-street buildings were low, partly because of the competition between the insurance companies, partly because of the safeguards supplied. There was an allowance of 20 per cent for the steam-pump and fire department belonging to the buildings. The proprietor, beyond these appliances, had gone so far as to have a sealed connection with a larger supply-pipe in Worth-street. But all the appliances were allowed to fall into disuse, and when the fire came it had its own way precisely the same as if no safety apparatus had ever been put in. Many of the large mercantile houses recognized the constant danger to which their stock was exposed through the character of their buildings, and endeavored to avert disaster by means of automatic sprinklers, special apparatus, and a force of watchmen trained in the use of the appliances. It would be interesting to compute how much more this system of surveillance costs than it would have cost to build solid brick warehouses, with independent walls able to withstand the assaults of fire.

A disadvantage not to be overestimated was the large area covered by most of the newer buildings. Mr. Harrison agreed with other gentlemen of experience in this matter in the opinion that when a fire fairly broke out on any floor of one of these wide-front buildings, equipped with iron front, iron beams, and wooden floors, and furnished with inflammable material, there was absolutely no hope of saving that building, while it was a mere chance if the Fire Department could hold the flames within the thin and inadequate walls that were liable at any moment to fall in or out upon the firemen. There was a point worthy of notice aside from the poor character of the buildings. The latter would not be so dangerous in the dry goods district, for example, were was nothing but dry goods there. But there was a custom among New-York landlords of putting in all sorts of manufactures, such as boots and shoes, hats and caps, and a dozen other lines that might be mentioned, requiring the use of steam boilers. If a landlord could get a good tenant by so doing, in went a boiler, a furnace, and a factory into a flimsy building, surrounded by neighboring buildings equally ready to burn, but filled with stocks of vast value. The insurance men had to keep constant watch over the landlords, and it really seemed as if there was no limit to the recklessness of business men in these respects.

"The reputation of the buildings," Mr. Harrison said, "can only be improved slowly. First, building laws must be passed for the future and enforced strictly. Had such laws been passed 10 years ago this would be a different City to-day. As it is, many of the buildings now occupied are getting dilapidated, and must gradually be replaced. Let them be replaced only with buildings calculated not so much for show as to stand fire and the wear of time. The space should be kept narrow enough to give the firemen a chance to work. Party walls 16 inches thick will not stand fire, as the experience of firemen in New-York has conclusively proved. The use of cast-iron beams should be taught to be prohibited by law as utterly dangerous both to life and property in case of fire. There should be a provision requiring the elevator shafts, which are most potent in spreading the flames, to be trapped. There are several simple and inexpensive methods for doing this and shutting off the draft. A valuable suggestion, in my opinion, is that of laying floors of solid wood six inches thick; in other words, a floor of beams smoothed on the upper side. This would not cost more than a brick floor, would do away with the necessity for partition walls to a great extent, and would baffle fire for a long time. There is one further point to which public attention ought to be directed at once. Through Fourteenth, Twenty-third, and the other up-town streets where the retail trade is establishing itself, many dwelling-houses are being built over into stores. The builders leave the old, thin, party walls, hardly substantial enough for dwellings, build on at the rear, put up a fancy front, and stuff the buildings full of inflammable merchandise. If we do not have a roaring blaze at no distant day as a result, I will lose my guess. The laws which allow this are all wrong. Why, let such a thing be tried in Paris, and see how quick the offenders would be brought up for it. It is simply astonishing that such reckless things can be done. I can only say that when I began my study of the buildings of New-York in detail, six years ago, I was positively frightened to discover what kind of a fire-trap City we live in, with four and a half miles of almost continuous framework along Watersteet on the outside, and with square after square of buildings within not much better able to stand flame."

Mr. Leopold Eidlitz, the architect, who has for 30 years or more watched the progress of building in this City, said that the buildings in New-York deserving to rank as fire-proof, could be counted on a man's fingers. One reason was the shallow pretense that fire-proof buildings cost too much. The question was made one of expense, whereas, no such objection was raised when money was consumed in show. "The buildings just burned in Worth-street are a fair example of the modern idea in building," said Mr. Eidlitz. "They were built with a view to a showy exterior, an exterior cast in iron to represent marble—an imitation in cheap material. Any amount necessary to the display was given readily, but the owner could not afford to make the structure safe. It seems, however, that if builders are too poor to erect a fire-proof building, they certainly are too poor to erect a building that is not fire-proof. The idea prevails that a building which is in itself weak and unsafe can be protected by fire facilities. This is an utter mistake. Nothing can atone for the lack of a good solid brick walls and arches. A structure that is built of brick, with iron beams and brick arches, is not fire-proof when filled with inflammable goods; yet how many of our stores fulfill those conditions, even? As for the cast-iron fronts, they ought not to be tolerated. A more objectionable feature could not well have been introduced into building than this use of cast-iron. There seems to be an opinion that when a building has iron beams and an iron front it is safe. In fact, it could not be more unsafe. No sooner does the heat become intense than the iron front and beams and columns shrink, and the building falls in pieces. The only way to make iron beams useful is to cover them with interior arches. Iron fronts can never be made unobjectionable, while they cost more than handsome brick ones. Wooden floors have no place in business buildings filled with inflammable goods. Then there are ventilating flues which do not ventilate, but which vie with the elevator shafts as draughts for fires. Spaces made by furring the walls are left unfilled, and these aid in carrying flames from floor to floor. Often the firemen have been surprised at the rise of a fire from a lower story to the roof when there was no apparent means of its propagation. Any one familiar with the building of the establishments could have explained the secret passages serving as vents. The only way to remove the danger of elevator shafts, in my opinion, is to build these outside the main structure, giving them outside windows to draw the fire away from the building, not into it, as the present shafts do."

Mr. Eidlitz was equally radical with Mr. Harrison in his opinion of the City's buildings. He did not believe that a fire, once obtaining headway in any one of the great commercial buildings, could be checked by any possibility. The building was doomed, no matter how efficient the Fire Department. There was no chance to combat the flames. It was instructive to note the difference between the buildings of this City and those of any European city. Here there was far more exterior treatment than in any other part of the world, but the interiors were a sham; while in Europe the interior was the part looked after. He did not believe in the claim that more light was wanted. A victim of fire had produced the buildings with large windows. These windows had to be covered with shades to keep out the light, and there was never need on such pretext to give up the room required for good, sound brick or stone pillars. The tendency of building was not toward improvement. The interest of the owner was to erect a building that would rent well, and this he did without regard to safety, without caring whether the insurance rates would be high, apparently without any special consideration of the subject. It seemed as though many of the insurance companies had a tacit interest in this class of buildings, since they insured them at rates out of all proportion to the actual risk. Were the buildings what they ought to be, and the insurance premiums on a low basis, some companies might lose their showy business, and hence prefer the present condition. Mr. Eidlitz thought the only remedy lay in the passage of stringent building laws. No more shells ought to be put up in New-York. The fire laws of Paris, Vienna, Berlin, and other foreign cities required all blocks to have an interior court accessible to fire engines. The areas were not so extensive, and there was every protection of stout partition walls. Here the blocks were not only without accessible centers, but were filled with wooden matter, which proved fuel as kindling-wood for a fire. There should be in every block one or two independent partition walls capable to resist the progress of flames. As it was now, the party walls and outside walls were often so weak that they could not stand alone, and were supported by the beams. These were of iron, and when the latter contracted them, of course the whole structure fell in a heap. As an instance of the loose method of building, Mr. Eidlitz cited the case of a builder who put in iron beams and brick arches, and then, thinking he had done enough, used wooden partitions, and "furred" out the walls with wood, thus rendering his building peculiarly liable to destruction. The City was full of weak and dangerous buildings, but repeated warnings and disasters had apparently little or no effect in the way of improvement.

"This is a fast age. Perhaps it's not original to say, but we live fast, die fast, build fast, and burn fast—that's the truth of it." That was the answer to the inquiry made by a TIMES reporter of a veteran fireman, a member of the old Volunteer Fire Department in its palmy days, a faithful servant later on in the paid department, and a man who has taken active interest in every important fire that has occurred in New-York within 25 years. It was evident that this veteran had a poor opinion of the men who built the City. He knew, both by experience and by observation, what the character was of the numerous buildings which he had seen destroyed, and he judged that the majority of those standing were no more safely or strongly constructed than were those crumbled into ashes. The veteran gave it as the opinion of the experts in the Fire Department, without exception, that when a fire got started among inflammable goods in any of the buildings of large area, say of over 40 feet front, there was no chance to save the building, and the efforts were all directed to confining the fire to that building. All the modern contrivances of skylights, light-shafts, elevator-shafts, ventilators, well-holes, hollow columns, &c., added to Georgia pine floors, were too much for any fire department. The great height of the buildings, and the difficulty of gaining access to the upper floors and roofs, were further points of difficulty. The firemen would rather deal with the elder buildings than the new ones, and felt all right when they were called for a solid brick building. Of these, however, there were few. As the veteran forcibly expressed it, the new iron buildings were nothing but "forests of timber with a tight jacket of iron, which shut the fire in and the firemen out." As an incident of the recent fire in Worth-street, he said the adjoining buildings were found to be without access to the upper floors except by the elevator, the stairways having been floored over. Thus the firemen were kept from reaching the roof, and this was only one of many such experiences. No city offers such difficulties to the firemen and such easy chance to the flames, said the veteran, as the result of his quarter of a century of experience.

PRINCETON STUDENTS ARRESTED.

TRENTON, Jan. 19.—Twenty-four Princeton students, who had been making Saturday night hideous in this city, by going about the streets insulting ladies and using offensive and indecent language, were arrested by the Police this morning between 1 and 2 o'clock. They were making their escape in two sleighs, and attempted to brain one of the officers with a whisky bottle as he seized the lines of the horses attached to the leading sleigh. They were taken to the City Jail and locked up. Their friends were informed of the fact, and through their intercession Police Justice Swing held court at 2 A. M. and liberated the gang upon each paying a fine and costs of court, amounting to $12 85. They were warned that a fine would not be accepted another time, but that the punishment would be a commitment to the County Jail for 30 days. For some time past the students have invaded Trenton at night, and acted in such a disorderly manner as to be the subject of complaint.

A BROOKLYN CLERGYMAN'S CALL.

NEWPORT, Jan. 19.—Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., has accepted a call from the United Congregational Church of this city. He will be ordained and enter upon his duties here early next month.

THROWN FROM A SLEIGH AND KILLED.

Mrs. Mary Graham, aged 43, wife of John Graham, of No. 25½ Sheriff-street, was out sleighing with her husband yesterday. During the trip the sleigh was overturned and Mrs. Graham was thrown out. She did not appear to have received any injury, nor did she complain of pain. Soon after her return home, however, and while seated at the supper table last evening, she suddenly fell back in her chair and expired. It is supposed that death was the result of some internal injury caused by being thrown from the sleigh. An inquest will be held to-day.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Dr. John B. Biddle, Dean of Jefferson College, a well-known physician and a medical author of some repute, died in Philadelphia yesterday.

Joseph C. Grubb, a member of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, died at his residence, in Wilmington, yesterday morning, after a lingering illness.

THE EARLY VEGETABLES.

WHERE NEW-YORK'S SUPPLY COMES FROM.

THE WONDERFUL VARIETY AND ABUNDANCE OF THE MARKETS—PRICES WHICH SOME BRING—LUXURIES OF WEALTHY PALATES.

That there are no markets in the world equal to the markets of this City is a favorite boast of New-Yorkers. That the market buildings are not referred to in making this boast is evident to any one getting a glimpse of the ancient barn-like structures dignified by the names of Washington and Fulton Markets; but that the wonderful variety and abundance of the food products of half the world which are displayed in these forlorn looking buildings are what the boast refers to is at once evident to any one who makes a tour through them. The quantity of meat will surprise him, but the variety of fruits and vegetables will astonish him still more. As all seasons he will find a variety of vegetables unknown to any other market in the world, and find them, too, months in advance of their regular seasons, for the people of this City will have and are willing to pay for rare vegetables, just as they seek after the rarest fruits, flowers, and a hundred other luxuries.

Of the early vegetables which reach the New-York markets some of the very first to arrive do not come from the far South, as one would naturally suppose, but from the far North. Rhubarb, the first of the vegetables, is sent here in January from the farm of Col. Rhodes, near Quebec. There it is raised in dark galleries 20 feet under ground, and heated by steam. The rhubarb grown in these galleries is very large, very tender, and almost white. For shipment, each stalk is carefully wrapped in soft paper, and they are put up in bunches weighing two and one-half pounds. In this market it can only be procured in one stand, and there it sells for $3 per dozen bunches. By the 1st of March rhubarb comes in from Jamaica, Long Island, that brings $1 50 per bunch. Many of the Brussels' sprouts now in the market also come from Canada, the remainder being from Shelter Island. Cucumbers, of which the delicate little white pine variety came to this market from Boston as early as the 10th of last month, sold here for $6 per dozen at wholesale. They now bring half that price. This year, for the first time, a few very early cucumbers were sent in from Gravesend, Long Island, but they were so inferior to the White Pines that they only brought $3 50 per dozen. By the middle of next month the long Worcester cucumbers from Worcester, Mass., will be in the market, and will bring $3 50 per dozen. For 15 years New-York has received its finest lettuce, or salad, as the marketmen call it, from Boston, and, for the last three days, there has not been a head of Boston lettuce in the market, the first time such a thing has happened since the supply began to come from that quarter. The Boston lettuce is very white, crisp, and well-headed, and market gardeners in other parts of the country try in vain to imitate it. A few years ago a Jamaica, Long Island, gardener sent to Boston for men who knew the business and sold them to raise Boston lettuce on his farm at any expense of money or care. They tried, but without success. Radishes are now in the market six to eight weeks at from $3 to $5 per 100 bunches, eight being in a bunch. Formerly, all the radishes, long and round, came from Boston, but during the past few years New-Jersey has been sending in round radishes, until now Boston sends on only a few of the long and more delicate variety. Tomatoes were in the market about a week before the 1st of January, but the demand for them was very slight. The first this season came from Nassau, wrapped in soft paper, and packed in crates. The Bermuda tomatoes will begin to arrive early in February. Bermuda potatoes will be here next week, but they will be old crop potatoes, and will sell for $5 to $7 per barrel. The new Bermuda potatoes will arrive by the 1st of March, and will be worth $2 per barrel more than the earlier arrivals. As high as $17 per barrel has been paid in Washington Market for the first few Bermuda potatoes.

Onions come in from Bermuda with the potatoes, and sell for $2 per crate. Fancy pieces are sometimes paid for them, and $10 per crate was paid last year for the very first in the market. Bermuda beets will arrive about the last of February, and will retail at from 5 to 10 cents a piece. Bermuda formerly sent cucumbers to this City, but they were always yellow and old by the time they reached here, and none will come this year. Last year, the first asparagus came in this City from South Carolina, in February, and the same firm will probably have it as early this year; but, generally, the first come from Florida early in March. Shipments then arrive from Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, Baltimore, New-Jersey, and from Oyster Bay, Long Island, whence it is sent in about the last of May. The earliest asparagus sells at $15 per bunch, and the first Oyster Bay "grass," which is the finest of all, always sells for $1 per bunch. By the 1st of June it is in abundance and sells for $1 75 per dozen bunches. Last year a few boxes were sent down from Canada, but the experiment was a failure. A few peas were sent to this market from Newfoundland last year, but there is no demand for them. The regular supply will begin to arrive next week from Lake City, Fla., and will bring about $10 per crate. These crates nominally hold a bushel, but really contain about three peaks. Of the very first peas half a dozen restaurateurs will buy a crate together, divide the contents, and display them in their show-windows, while feeding their customers with them, which they sell as fresh. The finest of the early peas come in April, from Anne Arundel County, Md., and in May the best peas to be had in the New-York market reach it from Long Island. After that they come from the northern part of the State. A very few boxes were sent last year by a TIMES reporter to Sacramento, Cal., in salmon cars, but they were not good when they arrived, and, as the result of repeated experiments, California shippers no longer attempt to supply this City with any vegetable except cauliflower. The first string beans come from Florida about two weeks later than peas. Lima beans are never sent from the South, and the earliest and best come from Hackensack, N. J. Early turnips are sent to New-York from as far South as Charleston, and come with the peas and string beans.

The great source of the cauliflower supply is Mattituck, Long Island, whence the vegetable comes from the 1st of September to the 1st of February, the supply being in season as early as 700 barrels a day. Prices range all the way from 50 cents to $14 per barrel, and are very fluctuating. The cauliflower that comes after that from Mattituck is from France, and the next French steam-ship that arrives will probably have the first foreign cauliflower of this season on board. After the French comes the California cauliflower, packed in straw, and then comes the home article. There. A few years ago much of the cauliflower came from Boston, but now Boston obtains her supply from New-York. With the cauliflower from France come the French, or Burr, artichokes. The New-Orleans variety of the same vegetable is now in the market. They bring an exclusive $6 per dozen. Jerusalem, or root, artichokes come from Long Island and New-Jersey and sell for $2 and $3 per bushel. Okra, or gumbo, as it is called in the South, is now in the market from New-Orleans, and sells for $1 per hundred. In its season, most of it comes from Fishkill, N. Y. Spinach is always in the market, and much of the best comes from the vicinity of Baltimore. It now brings $3 per barrel, and will, during the year, be as low as 60 cents per barrel. One old dealer in the market remembers paying as high as $15 per barrel to fill an order at a time when spinach was very scarce. One of the large hotels of this City canned 100 barrels of spinach last Fall when it was selling at $1 per barrel. It has kept well, and, as an experiment, is a success. Winter squashes used to come to this City from Boston, but now almost the whole of Boston's supply is drawn from Long Island. Marrow squashes come to New-York from Norfolk about the 1st of May, and Summer squashes come from Florida with the string beans, or about two weeks later than the first peas. Among the fresh vegetables always in the market are mushrooms, which are raised every where—in cellars, underground galleries dug for the purpose, and under glass. They even come from Canada, but not in quantities, as they command higher prices there than here. Here they sell now for from 50 to 75 cents per pound. The above list comprises most of the vegetables to be seen in the markets of this City during the Winter and early Spring when fresh vegetables are luxuries, but a second list nearly as long as the first might be made of those that arrive from Southern and foreign ports during the Summer months, forced in their growth to meet the demands of those New-Yorkers who are ever on the lookout for novelties and delicacies for their tables.

A CHINESE LAUNDRY ROBBED.

Late last night two men broke into the Chinese laundry of Joe Don, in the basement of No. 104 Bleecker-street, and stole a cash-box containing nearly $100. They were seen by one of the female occupants of the house, who ran into the street and gave an alarm. A policeman started in pursuit of the thieves, and, after a chase of several blocks, succeeded in arresting one of them, but the other escaped. The prisoner was taken to the Mercer-Street Police Station, where he gave his name as Thomas Smith. He was recognized as "Reckless Barney," a notorious burglar and pickpocket. In his possession were found three letters written in Chinese, but his accomplice carried off the box and its contents.

SUNDAY SLEIGHING IN THE CITY.

The sleighing through the Park and along the Lane yesterday was excellent, and many persons took part in the sport. The Park drives were crowded with fashionable turnouts, and at 4 P. M. there were probably 3,000 persons promenading along the walks, watching with interest the animated scene. Most of the familiar faces visible behind fast trotters on a pleasant week-day were missing yesterday, both from the Park drives and the broad avenues that lie beyond. The pleasure-seekers belonged for the most part to the large class who are confined in counting-houses or offices—clerks, book-keepers, small family men, small tradesmen, and the like. Some of them drove horses that would have excited the sympathies of Mr. Henry Bergh—lean, rough-coated creatures, alike innocent of speed and spirit. These were not the rule, however, for high-bred spirited teams could be counted by scores in the midst of the long procession.

AN OLD POLITICIAN DYING.

EX-SHERIFF BRENNAN'S ILLNESS—THE STORY OF HIS LIFE.

Ex-Sheriff Matthew T. Brennan, who has been lying dangerously ill at his residence, on the Boulevard, was reported as very low late last night, and Dr. Rabeng, who has been his medical attendant, telegraphed to Police Head-quarters that Mr. Brennan would probably die before morning. Mr. Brennan was the product of an era in New-York politics so entirely of the past that it seems like ancient history. Born in the First Ward, of poor Irish parents, his education was confined to the elementary branches taught in the common schools, and in early youth he was apprenticed to the trade of molder. While yet a boy, and notwithstanding the malformation of a foot, he became noted as a fireman in the old Volunteer Department, and soon became Foreman of Engine No. 21. As in many another case in those days, his service as a fireman was the stepping-stone to political preferment. His first official position was that of Assessor of the Sixth Ward. While holding this place he secured the friendship of Thomas J. Barr, then an Alderman, and many years afterward, through Brennan's influence, a Police Commissioner, and was appointed Captain of the Sixth Ward Police. He was so active, earnest, and zealous in the discharge of his duties in this position that in 1854, when preferment was for merit, he was elected Police Justice for the Second District, then composed of the Fourth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Wards. He held this place for a number of years, and in 1863 was elected Controller on the Democratic ticket. He earned the gratitude of the people during his term of office by firmly refusing to obey a resolution of the Common Council directing him as Controller to issue fractional currency in the name of the City. In 1868 he was appointed a Police Commissioner, and while holding this office, obtained the Tammany nomination for Sheriff, to which office he was elected *in November, 1870. During his term as Sheriff* came the exposé of the Tammany Ring, and it became his duty to be the jailer of many of his former political associates, including William M. Tweed and Henry W. Genet. It is not yet forgotten how the latter escaped from the custody of one of his deputies, and that, as a consequence, Mr. Brennan was arrested for dereliction of duty and imprisoned for 30 days in Ludlow-Street Jail. This was a severe blow to him, and he felt the stigma keenly. It was long supposed that he had amassed a great fortune during his political career, but it has of late become known that he retired to private life with hardly a competence, and even some of that has been swallowed up by unfortunate speculations in real estate.

A BANK OFFICER IN JAIL.

JOHN HALLIARD'S PROBABLE ARRAIGNMENT IN COURT TO-DAY.

John Halliard, one of the indicted officers of the Mechanics' and Laborers' Savings Bank, of Jersey City, who was placed in the Hudson County Jail in default of bail on Saturday, remained there yesterday. He will probably be arraigned this morning on the third of the indictments found against him, which accuses him with having conspired with Thomas C. O'Callaghan, the present President of the bank, and others, to defraud the depositors by concealing the fact of the bank's insolvency. He will be required to give bail in $2,500 on this indictment, making a total of $10,000 of bail in all. Mr. Halliard's arrest on Saturday on a charge of having defrauded Father Timothy out of $1,925 seems not to have been effected with a view of pressing the charge. Father Timothy is Father Superior of the monastery at West Hoboken, and it was through Mr. Halliard that he effected his insurances on the building. In August last he gave Mr. Halliard $1,925 with which to pay off a mortgage on the monastery, due to the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of this City. Instead of paying off the mortgage he used the money in settling one of his own debts. Father Timothy went before Justice Aldridge several days ago and accused Halliard of having embezzled the money. His offense is a simple breach of trust, and the warrant was sworn out only for the purpose of holding Halliard until a civil suit for the recovery of the money could be begun. Halliard was arrested and gave bail in $2,000 bonds, to appear for trial. The civil suit will be commenced to-day, and Mr. Halliard will be placed under bonds to abide its issue.

Mr. Halliard was for many years one of the most highly-esteemed residents of the county. Implicit confidence in his integrity led to carelessness on the part of the bank officers, and finally brought upon the bank the embarrassments which caused its suspension. Three months ago an imputation against his honor would have been regarded as a libel, and bail for any amount might have been procured for him. He was formerly a Methodist, but was converted to Roman Catholicism by Father Hecker, and became the intimate friend and adviser of the clergy of the Newark Diocese. It is said that his purchase for the Roman Catholic Church led to the financial embarrassments which have proved his ruin.

FEDERAL OFFICERS ARRESTED.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAYER AND MARSHAL TURNER, OF ALABAMA, HELD FOR CONTEMPT OF A STATE COURT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Information has been received at the Department of Justice of the arrest, by warrant of State or municipal authority, in Alabama, of United States District Attorney Mayer and United States Marshal Turner, the latter being now in jail and the former having been released on a writ of habeas corpus issued by United States District Judge Bruce. The circumstances are that a municipal or State court in Selma issued subpœnas to District Attorney Mayer, Marshal Turner, and Mr. Dimmock, Clerk of the court, commanding them to appear and bring before it the ballot-boxes and ballots used in the elections of last November. These ballot-boxes and ballots were, at the time in question, being used by the Grand Jury of the United States Circuit Court, sitting at Montgomery, as evidence in certain cases therein, pending the finding of indictments for violations of the Election laws of the United States. The State Court assumed that they were required as prima for similar uses in certain cases of violation of the State Election laws. The officers made due return to the process served upon them, to the effect that the ballot-boxes and ballots were not in their possession or under their personal control, but were in the custody of the United States Circuit Court. When the process had been thus returned to the State court, the Judge of the latter instantly issued writs of attachment for the bodies of Mayer and Turner, and directed their commitment for contempt. District Attorney Mayer telegraphed to Attorney-General Devens for instructions, and was advised to prepare himself for a release under a writ of habeas corpus in the event of the execution of the threat to arrest him. This he did, and being arrested at Huntsville last Saturday, whither he had gone in attendance on his official duty, he was released on a writ issued by Judge Bruce. But Marshal Turner, who was not thus forewarned, was arrested and committed to jail. As the latest accounts he was in custody, and under the laws of the State resisting commitments for contempt of the State Courts, would remain in confinement for five days, subject to immediate recommitment, as soon as released, for another five days, so long as the contempt rests against him. Meanwhile, the ballot-boxes and ballots remain in possession of the court, and the case in which they are to be used as evidence has been adjourned until April.

METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONGRESS.

BUFFALO, Jan. 19.—The eleventh Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school Congress and Anniversary of the Sunday-school Union and Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is in session here, and will continue until Tuesday. Meetings were held to-night in the Grace and Delaware-Avenue Methodist Episcopal Churches, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., of Delaware, Ohio; Rev. T. L. Wood, editor of the Chautauqua Assembly *Herald*; Rev. J. H. Vincent, D. D., of Plainfield, N. J., Rev. T. M. Freeman, D. D., of New-York City; Rev. W. W. Case, of Akron, Ohio; Rev. Dr. Bates, of Wesleyan College, Oberlin, Ohio, and Rev. Dr. Cushing, of New-York City.

MARINE DISASTERS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—The steam-ship Lord Eslington, Philadelphia for Antwerp, Jan. 14, before reported damaged by ice off Newcastle, Del., has returned for repairs.

The schooner Addielle Corson, from Charleston, reports that she experienced heavy south-west to north-west gales during the entire passage, and lost and split sails.

THE MUTUAL LIFE TROUBLES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 19.—The committee provided for by a resolution of the policy-holders in the New-York Mutual Life Insurance Company at the meeting of Friday evening has since been appointed by the Chairman. Its members are George L. Clarke, William S. Slater, and Jonathan Chace.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—It is announced here on good authority that the firm of Dodd, Brown & Co. will resume business shortly, arrangements favorable to such action having been made with their creditors.

THE COMMUNIPAW DEPOT.

JERSEY CITY'S BRIDGE PROJECT.

A SCHEME THAT HAS GROWN INTO A POLITICAL ISSUE IN NEW-JERSEY—A DESPERATE TRIAL OF STRENGTH BETWEEN TWO RAILROAD CORPORATIONS.

TRENTON, Jan. 19.—When Jersey City, by an act of consolidation, took all the suburban cities into her arms a few years ago, she acquired control over that part of Lafayette which was, and is yet, known as Communipaw. Communipaw is a narrow neck of land, severed from the lower section of Jersey City by the Morris Canal basin. By its charter, the Morris Canal and Banking Company, now a lessee of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, is obliged to keep open a passage-way, from its basin to the river, 150 feet in width, so as to permit of the passage of river craft. This water-way is much used by the Matthiessen & Weicher Sugar Company, whose refineries stand on the basin at the foot of Washington-street, Jersey City, and by the steel-works, which are situated at points further westward. Communipaw is the home of a few fishermen and of many market gardeners. Its chief claim to distinction lies in the fact that it is the eastern terminus of the New-Jersey Central Railroad.

A few years ago the railroad company began to feel lonesome, and longed for a connection with the main section of Jersey City. Nothing prevented it but the little water-gap owned by the Morris Canal. To fill this in was impracticable for two reasons. First, because it was a work not easy of accomplishment, and in the second place, the clause in the Morris Canal charter commanding that a navigable water-way be kept open prevented it. To bridge over "the gap," as the basin is called, was the only practicable scheme that suggested itself. The advantages of a bridge over the Morris Canal basin were at once pointed out to the residents of Jersey City. It followed that Jersey City began to clamor for a bridge over the gap from the foot of Washington-street. They have made in previous years determined efforts to secure legislation to authorize its construction, but they have been as often defeated. This season the demand that a bridge be constructed at Washington-street was renewed with such vigor that it became an issue not only in local, but in State politics. Where at the Fall elections, the people of Jersey City nominated their Assemblymen, they required pledges of them that they would support the Washington-street bridge project, and *the fact that Mr. Speaker Jackson voted last year* for the bill was one of the main features of his canvass for the Speakership of the present Assembly.

But though the clamor for the bridge has been especially loud during the last two or three years, the scheme itself cannot be said to be a new one. It is said that the bridging of the gap was in contemplation when Washington-street was first laid out. When the authorities graded the street they neglected to condemn the Morris Canal Company's property for a right of way over the basin. They thought they could take that without compensation to anybody. They discovered their error when they undertook to proceed to the erection of the contemplated bridge. Then the Morris Canal Company applied for an injunction, claiming that the City had made no tender of compensation to the company. It was granted, and on argument the injunction was made perpetual. Meanwhile, the legislation asked for by the agitators of the project has been designed to devise a method of evading the injunction. Against these bills the Lehigh Valley Company, urging that the construction of the bridge might imperil the lease by the State to the Morris Canal, which is worth $25,000 per year to the State, has been the only visible objector. It is said, however, that that railroad company have pooled their issues with the Pennsylvania Railroad, which, naturally enough, opposes anything which the competing corporations regard as of advantage to their business. This year it is said that the Central Railroad is not alone in its struggle. The Baltimore and Ohio people are said to have made preparations to make their Eastern terminus at the Communipaw depot, and the struggle for the little span of iron over the gap is really a hand-to-hand encounter between two of the great trunk lines of the country. Soon after the organization of the present Legislature, Mr. Dusenberry, of Hudson, introduced a bill by which, it is hoped, the injunction may be set aside and the work begun.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—1 A. M.—The barometer has risen in the Southern States east of the Mississippi, with colder northerly winds and clear weather, except light rains on the Atlantic coast. The temperature has fallen in the Middle States and New-England, with clear weather and northwesterly winds. Light snows have prevailed in the lake region, with colder westerly winds, and in the western portion falling barometer. The barometer has fallen in the North-west, with clear weather, northerly to westerly winds, and higher temperature. The rivers have risen 5 feet at Pittsburg, 19 inches at Cincinnati, 20 inches at Cairo, 19 inches at Memphis, and 2 inches at Nashville, where it is 10 inches below the danger line. The Tennessee has fallen 3 feet at Chattanooga.

INDICATIONS.

For the Middle States, colder north-west to south-west winds, partly cloudy or clear weather, and rising, followed by falling, barometer. The temperature will rise slowly during Monday night.

For the New-England States, north-west to south-west winds, partly cloudy or clear weather, lower temperature than on Sunday, and rising barometer.

For the Gulf States, clear or partly cloudy weather, slowly rising temperature, falling barometer, and northerly winds, shifting to westerly and southerly.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, partly cloudy weather, rising temperature, south-east to south-west winds, and falling barometer.

For the lower lake region, westerly to southerly winds and lower temperature than on Sunday, with rising, followed by falling barometer, partly cloudy weather, and light snow.

For the upper lake region, slight rise in temperature and partly cloudy weather, with areas of snow and falling barometer.

For the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys, partly cloudy or clear weather, with southerly to westerly winds, falling barometer and stationary or slowly rising temperature.

For New-England, colder northerly to westerly winds, with rising barometer, partly cloudy weather, and, in the northern portions, light snow.

For the Pacific coast regions, generally clear or fair weather will prevail.

The rivers will change but slightly.

Cautionary off-shore signals continue at Smithville, Wilmington, Macon, Cape Lookout, Cape Hatteras, Kitty Hawk,

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Jan. 18, 1879.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pks	18	Spirits Turp., bbls.	12
R. W. Flour, pks	102	Resin, bbls	943
Beans, bbls	23	Oil-cake, pks	727
Bees-wax, pks	2	Oil-Lard, bbls	23
Cotton, bales	2,423	Pea-nuts, bags	578
Cotton-seed-oil, bbls	150	Pecans, pks	100
Copper, bbls	141	Pork, pks	326
Eggs, pks	433	Beef, pks	30
Flour, bbls	7,432	Cut-meats, pks	5,490
Corn-meal, bags	68	Lard, tcs	2,761
Wheat, bushels	42,750	Butter, pks	2,551
Corn, bushels	9,300	Cheese, pks	2,269
Oats, bushels	6,400	Dressed Hogs, No.	613
Rye, bushels	9,450	Red-oil, bbls	25
Malt, bushels	2,740	Sugar, hhds	314
Barley, bushels	1,800	Shelter peas	3,405
Out-meal, bbls	100	Skins, bales	32
Oil-meal, bags	172	Starch, pks	1,001
Grease, pks	440	Stearine, pks	420
Grass-seed, bags	936	Tallow, pks	623
Hides, No.	813	Tea, pks	38
Hides, bales	169	Tobacco, hhds	35
Hops, bales	418	Tobacco, pks	126
Leather, bbls	7,049	Whisky, bbls	690
Molasses, bbls	3,180	Wool, bales	618

COFFEE—Has been steady, with sales of 1,500 bags per Graf Bismarck, 1,500 bags per Laplace, 518 bags per Galveo, and 500 bags per City of Rio, at former figures. Other descriptions firm and wanted; sales 121 bags Mexican and 701 bags Maracaibo on private terms.

COTTON—Has been inactive for early delivery, at about former rates. Cable advices rather favorable.....Sales have been reported for prompt delivery of 528 bales, (of which 290 bales were on last evening,) including 304 bales to shippers, 228 bales to spinners, 176 bales to speculators and 20 bales to transit.....Low Middling quoted at 9 1-16c. @9 3-16c.; Strict Low Middling at 9 5-16c. @9¾c.; Middling at 9 7-16c. @9 9-16c.; Fair at 11 11-16c. @11 13-16c.....And for forward delivery the market has been quite active, with prices lower, but at the close about steady as the decline. Sales have been reported since our last of 43,200 bales, (of which 12,300 bales were on last evening, and 30,900 bales to transit,) with 4,400 bales on the calls, on the basis of Middling.....The dealings in options, as officially reported, included on Friday afternoon, for February, 1,800 bales, at 9.54c. @9.58c.; March, 7,500 bales, at 9.76c. @9.79c.; April, 1,900 bales, at 9.91c. @9.94c.; May, 500 bales at 10.04c. @10.06c. And to-day, for January, 500 bales, at 9.44c. @9.45c.; February, 4,100 bales at 9.52c. @9.57c.; March, 16,400 bales, at 9.71c. @9.78c.; April, 10,700 bales at 9.87c. @9.90c.; May, 3,600 bales at 10.02c. @10.05c.; June, 1,600 bales at 10.14c.....The closing quotations were: For January, 9.42c. @9.44c.; February, 9.49c. @9.50c.; March, 9.69c. @9.70c.; April, 9.84c. @9.85c.; May, 9.99c. @9.99c.; June, 10.13c. @10.10c.; July, 10.26c. @10.27c.; August, 10.37c. @10.39c., showing a decline of 2@7 points, closing steady.....Transferable orders were issued to-day at 9.50c., as officially reported.....The averages of yesterday's Memorandum of deliveries, as officially reported, were as follows: January, 9.49c.; February 9.57c.; March, 9.77c.; April, 9.94c.; May, 10.08c.; June, 10.21c.; July, 10.35c.....The exports from all the ports close up to Friday, Jan. 17, 1879, were 1,658,092 bales, including 965,359 bales to Great Britain, and 693,766 bales to the Continent.

Closing Prices of Cotton in New-York.

	Uplands.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary	7 5-16	7 11-16	7 11-16
Strict Ordinary	8	8¼	8¼
Good Ordinary	8⅝	8¾	8¾
Strict Good Ordinary	8 13-16	8 15-16	8 15-16
Low Middling	9 1-16	9 3-16	9 3-16
Strict Low Middling	9 5-16	9⅝	9⅝
Middling	9 7-16	9 9-16	9 9-16
Good Middling	9 13-16	9 15-16	9 15-16
Strict Good Middling	10 5-16	10 5-16	10 5-16
Middling Fair	10 15-16	11	11
Fair	11 11-16	11 13-16	11 13-16

Stained.

Good Ordinary	7 11-16	Low Middling	8 11-16
Strict Good Ord	8 3-16	Middling	9 1-16

FLOUR AND MEAL—A freer movement has been reported in State and Western Flour, chiefly in low grade Extras suited to the export trade, at generally unchanged quotations. Minnesota Extras attracted a fair share of attention, especially the Clear and Patent Extras. Otherwise, market comparatively quiet.....Sales have been reported since our last of 16,850 bbls. of all grades, including those mentioned in the first 3,400 bbls. low-Extras, for shipment within the range of $3 90@$4 10, (mainly $3 95@$3 90, of which 1,000 bbls. State at $3 75;) 1,100 bbls. City Mill Extras, mostly for the West Indies, at $4 05@$5, the latter for very choice, in new pks., and for English markets, quoted at $3 05@$3 80; 4,250 bbls. Minnesota and Wisconsin clear, (these at $3 50@$4 75, of which about 2,450 bbls. for export, mostly at $3 75@$3 90, 100 bbls. very choice, at low end, and 1,000 bbls. Superfine straight Extras, (these mostly at $4 40@$5;) 1,850 bbls. Patent, (chiefly at from $5 85@$7, of which about 1,000 bbls. for export to Great Britain;) 1,000 bbls. Winter Wheat Extras, (these at $3 70@$3 50, largely at $4 50@$5 45;) 600 bbls. Patent Extras, (these chiefly at $5 25@$7 25;) 575 bbls. Superfine, (these at $3 15@$3 50 for City brands, and mostly up to $3 60 for fancy Winter;) 450 bbls. No. 2, (these at $2 40@$2 90,) and sundry lots unsound and Sour Flour at from $3 25@$3.....Southern Flour dull; 850 bbls., sold in lots, mostly Extras, at from $4 25@$5 50, of which about 400 bbls. for export.....Rye Flour in moderate request at steady rates; 430 bbls. sold, chiefly at $3 85@$3 20, (very fancy brands at yet higher rates.....Corn-meal remains dull and unsettled; 1,000 bbls. were placed, in lots, of which 500 bbls. Brandywine at $2 50.....Buckwheat Flour in rather better request at $1 50@$1 75 for fair to choice.

GRAIN—Trade in Wheat has been to an unusually limited aggregate to-day, though in most instances buyers had the advantage—Winter grades showing a slight yielding in values.....Sales have been reported to-day of 164,000 bushels, (of which 108,000 bushels for early delivery,) including 2,500 bushels Extra White at $1 11½, (best lands held much higher;) 1,000 bushels White State at $1 11@$1 11½; 800 bushels No. 1 White at $1 11½; 2,000 bushels No. 2 White at $1 07½@$1 08, 1,000 bushels No. 2 Milwaukee at $1 08½; 11,000 bushels ungraded White at $1 08½@$1 11; 9,400 bushels White Canada, in bond, at $1 06@$1 08, (mostly at $1 07½@$1 08, a few car-loads went at $1 08;) 1,200 bushels Red at $1 10@$1 10½; 1,500 bushels No. 3 Red at $1 02½@$1 03; 8,000 bushels No. 3 Red at $1 00½@$1 01, January options, at $1 10, (closing at $1 10 asked;) 16,000 bushels do., February options, at $1 10, (closing at $1 10 asked;) 1,000 bushels do., March options, at $1 11@$1 11½, (this option steadiest;) 3,200 bushels No. 3 Red at $1 03@$1 04; 1,500 bushels ungraded Red at $1 03@$1 03; 12,000 bushels No. 1 Amber at $1 06½@$1 07½, (the latter for choice;) 8,000 bushels do., January options, (in settlement,) at $1 06¾; 8,000 bushels do., February option, at $1 07¾; 8,000 bushels ungraded Amber at $1 05@$1 06; 8,000 bushels choice No. 2 Spring at $1 15@$1 15½; 8,000 bushels No. 3 Spring at $1 00@$1 01; 4,000 bushels No. 4 Milwaukee Spring at 84c., delivered; 4,000 bushels Rejected Spring at 77½c.; 20,000 bushels ungraded Spring at $1 00@$1 15, (mostly at $1 10@$1 15.....Rye generally very quiet, and, as a rule, without important alteration as to price. New-York steamer Mixed a trifle firmer, but dull, the most important purchases since our last of this grade in store for export.....Sales have been reported of 213,000 bushels, (of which 173,000 bushels for early delivery,) including New-York No. 2, afloat, quoted at 47½c. @47¾c.; do., in store, 122,000 bushels, prices at 46¾c. @47c.; do., January option, 16,000 bushels, at 47½c. @47¾c.; do., February, 3,000 bushels, at 48½c.; do., March, quoted at 48½c. bid; May quoted at 46½c. asked; new No. 2, early delivery, at 45c. @46½c.; do., January option, at 44½c. @44¾c.; steamer Mixed, about 10,000 bushels, at 45½c. @46c.; New-York steamer Mixed, January option, 8,000 bushels, at 45¾c.; do., February, 8,000 bushels, at 44½c.; Mixed western, nominally, 47c. @48½c.; New-York No. 2, about 7,000 bushels, at 48½c.; No. 2 White, old, 800 bushels, at 49c.; New-York steamer White at 48c.; Jersey Yellow at 48c. @49½c.; Western Yellow, new, at 46c.; and Round Yellow, old, at 50c.....Barley quiet, at a decline.....Rye has been in fair demand, mostly for export, at rather firmer prices, with sales reported of 9,500 bushels Canada, in bond, at 59½c.; 8,000 bushels of Western at 58c.; 1,000 bushels No. 1 State, 58c.; 2,000 bushels Jersey and Pennsylvania at 58c.; and 8,000 bushels prime State on private terms, quoted, afloat, at 58½c. @59c.....Barley, Peas and Malt unchanged, and without further important movement.....Oats have been in quite moderate request, and rather weak in price, in instances a shade lower.....Sales have been reported since our last of 46,000 bushels, including New-York Extra White quoted at 38½c.; New-York No. 1 White, 7,400 bushels, at 35½c.; New-York No. 2 White, 1,400 bushels, at 34½c., (a contract settlement rumored at 35c.;) New-York No. 2 White, 2,400 bushels, at 33½c.; New-York No. 2, quoted at 31½c.; New-York No. 2, 13,500 bushels, at 31½c.; New-York No. 3 quoted at 30c.; White Western, 7,000 bushels, at 33c. @35½c.; Mixed Western, 11,300 bushels, at 30c. @31½c.; (5,500 bushels at 31½c.) White State, 8,500 bushels, at 33½c. @36c., (of which 5,500 bushels at 35c. @36c., and 700 bushels, at 33½c.;) No. 2 Chicago, about quoted at 31½c.....Hay, Straw, and Feed quoted steady and in moderate request.....Of Clover Seed, further sales reported of 177 bags Western, fair to choice, at 6½c. @6¾c.....Market otherwise dull.

HIDES—Have been in light demand and quoted at the close rather easier inquire.....The week's receipts have been 123,132 Hides and 165 bales do.....Sales, 25,216 Hides and 165 bales, of the latter including, according to Pickett & Andresen, 3,840 Dry Buenos Ayres 23½ lb., at 19½c., 4 months, usual selection; 940 Dry Entre Rios Seconds, 23½ lb., 4,000 Dry Bogota, 21 to 22 lb., on private terms; 1,500 Dry Central American, 20 to 21 lb., part at 17c., 60 days, selection; 1,825 Dry Pacific Jalisco and Carrasco, 23 to 24 lb., private terms; 1,275 Dry Mexican, 22 to 24 lb., part at 16½c., 60 days, assorted; 4,000 Dry Texas, 22 to 23 lb., part at 18½c., 4 months, assorted; 960 Dry Mexican and Texas Kips, 10 to 12 lb., 1,063 Dry-salted Texas, 24 lb., 700 Dry-salted New-Orleans, 40 to 60 lb., on private terms, and 8,500 City Slaughter, 70 lb., at 7½c., cash.....Stock in first hands to-day, 350,000 Hides and 683 bales do., against 134,600 Hides and 295 bales do. same time last year.

HOPS—Have been fairly active at generally firm prices, but closed tamely, through the interruptions by the snow-storm.....New-York, new crop, choice, quoted at 12c. @15c.; very fancy lots held higher; do., medium, at 8c. @10c.; do., old, at 5c. @7c.; Eastern, 5c. @7c.; Eastern, 5c. @12c.; Western, 5c. @12c.; Yearlings, 4c. @6c.; old, 2c. @3c. ₱ lb.; Pacific coast product, 12c. @15c.....The receipts for the week were 1,091 bales, against 1,197 bales last week.....In Liverpool, Mr. Emmett Wells, 43,624 bales, against 94,000 bales same period in 1877-8; export clearances this week, 742 bales, and since Sept. 1, 1878, 16,123 bales, against 61,201 bales same period in 1877-8.

LEATHER—The movements as you see on a restricted scale, but desirable qualities are not offered with much eagerness, and values are fairly supported.....Sole has been in quite active request, with a tendency to stand, a fine stock attracting special attention.....Upper Leather has been in fair request, and favorite weights and qualities have been quite firm in price, and poorer qualities weaker.....Harness and Skirt Leather in a steadier sale of full assortment.....Harness Leather has been in demand, within our previous range.....The week's receipts of Sole have been 70,510 sides and 1,929 bales do.; exports, 24,500 sides, including 12,500 sides to England and 11,000 sides to the Continent.

METALS—In some kinds, business has been more active, with values, however, showing little change.....Copper has been quite freely dealt in, at about former quotations. Ingot, quoted at 15½c., with sales reported of 900,000 lb. And for export, 5,000,000 lb. at 15½c.....Iron has been very quiet at barely steady figures.....Balls have been in fair demand and quoted firm; 4,000 tons old rails at $18 50.....Pig Lead has been sought after to a fair extent, but the advance prices checked market business.....Domestic quoted at $4 25 ₱ 100 lb.....Spelter and Zinc have been held firmly, but quiet.....Tin has been stronger, on a moderately active call for supplies, with sales reported for the week of 4,000 bbls. Chemical Plates at 14c. @14¼c.; 12,000 bbls. Coke do. at 23c@23½c.; and 3,000 tons Charcoal Terne at $8 50@$9 50, all various deliveries to end including March; 500 slabs Banca at 14c. @14¼c.; 30 tons Straits, to arrive, private terms; 5 tons English Refined at 14½c.; and 10 tons I. and F. at 14c.....Shipments from the last ladies from half January to United States, 239 tons, Singapore; 1,000 bbls. Straits and Banca, 1,000 bbls. Straits, Singapore, Banca, Straits and Malacca, 14½c. @14¾c. spot, and 14c. @14¼c. futures; English Refined, 14½c.; Australian, 14½c.; I. and F., 14½c.; and I. C. Charcoal, 14¾c. @14¾c.; I. C. Charcoal Terne, 8½c. @9½c.; I. C. Coke Tin, 8½c. @9½c.; I. C. Coke Terne, 4½c. @5c.

NAVAL STORES—Rosin inactive, with Strained to good Strained quoted at $1 25@$1 40, and other grades at lower rates.....Tar and Pitch quiet.....Spirits Turpentine dull, with merchantable quoted at 27½c. @28c.

PETROLEUM—Seemed has been held very firmly, and for early delivery have quoted at 8¾c. bid, 8¾c. asked, for refined, in bulk, and 12c. @13½c. for refined in strictly fancy brands.....Crude at 6½c. @7c. in shipper order.....Naphtha at 6½c.....At Philadelphia, Refined Petroleum, for early delivery, quoted at 9c. bid.....At Baltimore, Refined, for early delivery, at 9c. bid.....At the Petroleum Exchange, sales were reported of 30,000 bbls. United, here, and 150,000 bbls. at Oil City, at $1 02½@$1 05⅝, closing at $1 04½ bid, old.

PROVISIONS—Speculation in Hog products was quite brisk to-day, leading to a further sharp rise in price.....Mess Pork has been in freer demand for early delivery, and prices have advanced materially.....Men left off at $7 90@$8 29 for ordinary to choice old, and $8 25@$8 75 for new; sales, 150 bbls. old Mess at $8, and 275 bbls. new on private terms.....And for forward delivery here, Western Mess has been quoted up about 40c. higher on an active movement with, at the close, January options, quoted $8 40@$8 45, and old at $7 75@$8, and for February, $8 50@$8 75 for new and $7 80@$8 for old, and for March, $8 50@$8 70 for new, and $7 85@$8 90 for old, and for April, $8 55@$8 85 for new, and May at $8 80.....Sales of 250 bbls. March, at $8 45; 2,250 bbls. April deliveries at $8 40@$8 55, and 1,000 bbls. May at $8 60@$8 65.....A good demand noted for Dressed Hogs, and at steady prices, with City quoted at 4½c. for heavy to light, and 4¾c. for Pigs; Western quoted at 3⅞c. @4½c.....Cut-meats have been firm and in fair request; sales of 10,000 ₱. Rib Bellies, 10-lb. average, 5½c.; sale of 100 hhd. Dry-salted Shoulders at 3½c.....Bacon has been quoted higher, with Long Clear quoted at 4¾c. and Long and Short Clear at 4½c., but quiet.....Western Steam Lard has advanced fully 10c. under the speculative influences, and has been fairly active for early delivery.....Of Western Steam, for early delivery, sales of 550 tcs. at $6 20@$6 25, and 55 tcs., off grade, at $6 15.....And for forward delivery here, Western Steam Lard has been active at the improvement, with January options, at the close quoted at $6 27½; February at $6 27½; and March, $6 32½@$6 35; April, $6 40@$6 42½; and May at $6 50.....Sales have been reported of Western Steam of 500 tcs. January, at $6 25; 2,500 tcs. February, at $6 25@$6 27½; 1,750 tcs. March, at $6 27½@$6 35; 1,250 tcs. April, at $6 37½@$6 40; 1,000 tcs. May, at $6 47½@$6 50.....City Steam Lard has been in fair demand, and quoted at the close at $6 25; sales at $6 25; and at $6 25.....Of No. 1 City, sales of 800 tcs. at $6 @$6 03½.....Refined Lard in moderate request; quoted for the continent, for early delivery, at the close, at $6 75.....Beef and Beef Hams dull at former quotations.....Butter, Cheese, and Eggs without important changes.....Less demand noted for Tallow, with prime quoted at the close at 6⅛c., and choice at 6 11-16c.; sales reported of 65,000 lb. in lots, at 6⅝c. @6 11-16c., and 200 bbls. on private terms.....Stearine has been in light request, with Western quoted 9⅝c. @9¾c., and City 9½c. bid.....Of Refined Cotton-seed-oil, sales reported of 700 bbls. March option, at 41½c., and 200 bbls. April option, 42c.

RICE—A fair demand has been reported, in the jobbing line, with values quoted firm, with fair to choice Carolina ranging from 6@6¾c. fair to strictly prime Louisiana at 5c. @5½c. and Rangoon nominal at 3c. @3¼c. 25, gold, in bond, ₱ 100 lb. Messrs. Dan Talmage's Sons & Co., Charleston, S. C., state in their circular, 18th inst., of the Rice market, that "the demand, (the sales footing up over 1,000 casks for the last few days,) the market shows a hardening tendency."

SKINS—Deer have been in very slack request, but quoted about as before.....Receipts for the week, 265 bales; sales reported, 200 bales, at 20c. @22c. for Western, and 25c. @27c. for Texas; Buenos Ayres, 23c. @25c. for dropping rates.....Receipts, 1,332 bales; sales, 200 bales Curacoa, 27 bales Payta, and 26 bales Maracaibo, on private terms.....We quote Deer Skins: New Orleans, 30c. @35c.; Honduras, 27½c.; Sisal, 25c.; Jacmel, 25c.; Puerto Cabello, 22c.; Central America, 20c. @25c.; Angostura, 22½c.; Matamoros, Texas, &c., 18c. @20c.....And Goat Skins: Tampico, 47½c., gold; Matamoros, 47½c.; Vera Cruz, 47½c.; Buenos Ayres, 40c. @41c.; Payta, 37c. @40c.; Curacoa, selected, 40c.; Cape, 22½c. @25c.; Madras, ₱ skin, 40c. @42½c.; Patna, 28c. @31c.; East India tanned Sheep, 52½c. @55c.; do. Goat at 65c. @70c.

SUGARS—Raw quiet at 6⅝c. @6¾c. for fair to good Refining Cuba, with sales reported of 207 hhds. English Island, at 5½c. @6c., and 57 hhds. and 1,158 bags Centrifugal at 7½c. @7¾c. Refined is last quoted.

TEAS—Moderately active at about former rates with sales of 1,500 half-chests Green; 400 half-chests Congou, and 3,000 half-chests Oolong, on private terms.

WHISKY—Firmer, but irregular; 50 bbls. reported sold at $1 11; and at the close quoted at $1 10 asked for next week's delivery.

FREIGHTS—The unusually free arrivals of vessels at this port to-day tended to weaken the general market, checking the demand, and leading to a lower range of bids, which had the effect of limiting operations to a very moderate aggregate.....FOR LIVERPOOL—The engagements reported since our last have been by sail, small lots of Measurement Goods at 15c. @17c. 6d. ₱ ton, and, by steam, 1,600 bales Cotton at 15-64d. @ ⅜ d., and 1,000 bbls. Refined Petroleum, by sail, 1,000 bbls. Flour, of through freight and forward shipment, on private terms, quoted at about 3s. ₱ bbl., 1,900 sacks do. at 27c. 6d.; 1,300 pks. Provisions at 27c. 6d. @30c. (through freight by export lines at 37½c. 6d.) small lots of Rosin at 37c. 6d., (with some important shipments of Cheese rumored, but not confirmed;) small lots of leather at 40c., sundry odd lots of Measurement Goods at 20c. @22c. 6d. ₱ ton. Also, British bark, 964 tons, hence, with about 3,000 bbls. Residuum at 2s. 9d. ₱ bbl. A British brig, 529 tons, with Resin, from Wilmington, reported at 3s. 4½d. A British ship and two British barks, with Cotton, from New-Orleans, (compromise made them) on the basis of 5-16d. ₱ lb. The non-arrival of the steamships of the regular lines, due here this week tended to impede negotiations on both Freight from this port.....TO LONDON—Per sail, 1,500 bbls. Flour at 1s. 9d. ₱ bbl.; 52,000 bushels Grain, (of cargo of a British ship, 1,517 tons, placed on the berth,) at 4s. 7½d. ₱ quarter; and about 50 tons Measurement Goods, at 15c. @17c. 6d. ₱ ton.....TO LIVERPOOL—Per steam, 1,800 bbls. Flour, of through freight, reported at 3s. ₱ bbl.; 200 tons do., in sacks, at 27c. 6d.; equal to 1,180 tons Heavy Goods, in lots, at 30c. @32c. 6d.; and small lots of Measurement Goods at 22c. 6d. @27c. 6d.....FOR GLASGOW—By steam, 2,350 bbls. Flour, of through freight, at 3s. 3d.; 300 to 400 tons Flour and Meal, at 27c. 6d.; and 180 tons Provisions, at 32c. 6d. @35c. ₱ ton.....FOR NEWCASTLE—By steam, 75 tierces Beef at 5s. 3d. ₱ tierce.....FOR AVONMOUTH—A British steam-ship, 1,428 tons, hence, with general cargo, at current rates.....FOR BRISTOL—A Norwegian ship, 1,076 tons, hence, with about 6,500 quarters Grain, from Philadelphia, at 4c. 11d. ₱ quarter.....FOR BRISTOL CHANNEL DIRECT—A Norwegian bark, 476 tons, hence, with about 2,000 quarters Grain, at 5s. 1½d. ₱ quarter.....FOR BRISTOL CHANNEL DIRECT—A Norwegian bark, 476 tons, hence, with about 2,000 quarters Grain, at 5s. 1½d. ₱ quarter.....FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM DIRECT—An American bark, 557 tons, hence, with general cargo, reported on private terms.....FOR AN IRISH PORT DIRECT—An Italian bark, with about 4,000 quarters Grain, from Boston, reported on private terms, quoted at about 4s. 9d. ₱ quarter.....FOR CORK AND ORDERS—Two foreign barks, with, respectively, about 5,000 and 4,000 quarters Grain, from Baltimore, reported at 5s. 6d. ₱ quarter.....FOR THE CONTINENT DIRECT—A Norwegian steam-ship, 1,500 tons, (to arrive,) with Grain, from Baltimore, at 5s. 9d. ₱ quarter.....FOR HAVRE—By sail, 200 tons Heavy Goods, in lots, at 35c. @37c. 6d. ₱ ton, and, by steam, 170 tons Provisions at 35c. @37c. 6d. ₱ ton. And, by sail, from New-Orleans, (contracts made there,) about 6,000 bales Cotton, reported at ⅝c. @11-16c. ₱ lb.....FOR BORDEAUX—An American bark, 494 tons, hence, with Kentucky Tobacco (as bulk of cargo) at 35c. Provisions at 35c. and Measurement Goods at 20c. @25c. ₱ ton.....FOR FRENCH PORTS DIRECT—A British bark, 780 tons, hence, with about 5,500 quarters Grain, at 4c. 9d.; a Norwegian bark, 476 tons, hence, with about 2,000 quarters do., at 5s. 3d.; and two British steamships (to Cher ville, from Baltimore, reported on private terms; quoted at about 5s. 9d.).....FOR ANTWERP—By sail, 1,000 pks. Provisions on the basis of 27c. 6d.; and, by steam, 200 pks. do., at 27c. 6d. ₱ ton. Also to Bremen, by sail, 1,040 tons, with about 7,000 bbls. Refined Petroleum, from Philadelphia, at 3s. 6d. (option of Bremen.).....FOR HAMBURG—By sail, 1,500 pks. Provisions, in lots, on the basis of 27c. 6d.; and, by steam, small lots of general cargo at the best of 40s. @ 100 kilohmarks. Also, a German brig, 306 tons, with Rosin, from Mobile, reported (as a recent contract) at 4s.....FOR KONIGSBERG—A German bark, 442 tons, hence, with Provisions and general cargo, at current rates.....FOR A BALTIC PORT DIRECT—A Norwegian bark, with about 5,500 bbls. Refined Petroleum, from Philadelphia, reported at 4s. 6d. ₱ bbl.....FOR PORT NATAL—An American brig, 362 tons, hence, with general cargo, reported on private terms.....FOR RIO JANEIRO—An American bark, with Flour, from Baltimore, reported at 90c. ₱ bbl.....FOR LAGUAYRA—An American brig, 313 tons, with general cargo, from Philadelphia, at current rates.....FOR PARA AND BACK—An American schooner, 312 tons, with general cargo, on private terms.....FOR BELIZE—A British schooner, 168 tons, hence, with general cargo, in regular line, at market rates.....FOR HAVANA—An American schooner, 399 tons, with general cargo, from Philadelphia and back, with Sugar, on the basis of $5.....FOR CARDENAS—An American bark, 460 tons, hence, with empty Hogsheads, at $1, and an American schooner, 310 tons, with Cooperage stock, from Philadelphia, on the basis of $7 50 for Hoops and $1 15 for empty Hogsheads.....FOR CIENFUEGOS—Two American schooners, 347 and 395 tons, with general cargo, from Philadelphia, and back with Sugar, reported on the basis of $5 25@$5 50.....FOR THE NORTH SIDE OF CUBA—An American brig, 392 tons, hence, with general cargo at current rates.....FOR BARBADOS—A British brig, about 1,000 bbls. capacity, hence, with general cargo, reported at $2,200.....FOR MAYAGUEZ—An American schooner, 211 tons, with Lumber, from Wilmington, at $7 50, option of a second port at $8.....FOR ST. JOHN, N. B.—An American schooner, 158 tons, hence, with general cargo, at $325.....FOR PONCE, P. R.—An American schooner, 199 tons, hence, with general cargo, reported at about $1,200.....FOR PORT-AU-PLATTE—An American schooner, with Lumber, from Jacksonville, at $10.....FOR ST. JOHN, N. B.—A British schooner, hence, with Coal, at 90c.....FOR JACKSONVILLE AND BACK—A schooner, with general cargo, on the basis of $9 for Lumber.....FOR RAYADA—A schooner, with Phosphate, from Booth-bay, at $1 75.....FOR PENSACOLA—A schooner, with Guano, from Wood's Hole, at $1 50.....FOR WILMINGTON, N. C.—A schooner, with Phosphate, from Boston, reported (monthly trips) at $1 25.....FOR RICHMOND—Two schooners, hence, with general cargo at current rates.....FOR NEW-ORLEANS—A schooner, 449 tons, hence, with general cargo, at market rates.....FOR BOSTON—A bark, hence, with Coal at $1 25, and a schooner, with do., from Baltimore, at $1 75.....FOR PROVIDENCE—A schooner, with Coal at $1 25, and a schooner, with do., from Baltimore, at $1 75.....FOR PROVIDENCE—A schooner, with Corn, from Newcastle, Del., at 4c. ₱ bushel.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Flour steady and unchanged; Wheat steady, with a fair demand.....No. 2 Red at 99c.; No. 2 Chicago Spring, 82½c. cash; 83½c. @83¾c. February; 84½c. March; No. 3 do., 63c. @65c.; Rejected, 54½c. @57½c. Corn quiet, but steady; 29½c. cash; 30¼c. February; 30⅝c. March. Oats dull and unchanged. Rye firmer at 43½c. @44c. Barley dull, weak, and lower at 91c. Pork excited and higher, large sales, strong throughout; $8 60 cash; $8 65@$8 67½ February; $8 87½@$8 90 March; $8 45 cash; $8 50@$8 52½ February; $8 62½@$8 65 March; $8 65@$8 67½ March. Lard strong and higher; $5 85 cash; $5 90@$5 92½ February; $6 02½@$6 05 March; $6 20@$6 22½ March. Bulk meats active, firm, and higher; Shoulders, $3 10; Short Rib, $4 30; Short Clear, $4 50. Dressed Hogs strong and higher at $3 40@$3 45. Whisky steady and unchanged at $1 04. Receipts—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; Wheat, 63,000 bushels; Corn, 96,000 bushels; Oats, 34,000 bushels; Rye, 3,400 bushels; Barley, 12,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 3,700 bbls.; Wheat, 18,000 bushels; Corn, 27,000 bushels; Oats, 9,000 bushels; Rye, 800 bushels; Barley, 2,000 bushels. At the Call Board Pork sold at $8 22½ @$8 87½, March.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet, with a good milling demand; No. 2 Red Fall, 94½c. @94¾c. cash and January; 94c. January, 94½c. @95c. February; 95½c. @95¾c. March; No. 3 Red Fall, 89½c. @90c. Corn active, but lower; No. 2 Mixed, 29½c. @29¾c. cash; 29½c. January; 30c. @30¼c. February; 31c. @31¼c. March; 31½c. April; 32½c. @32¾c. May. Oats inactive and lower; No. 2 at 27½c. @27¾c. cash; 31c. bid, January; 31½c. bid, March. Rye dull, at 44½c. @44c. Barley dull; no sales. Whisky at $1 04. Pork higher, at $8 75. Lard higher, at $6 75 bid. Bulk meats excited and higher; 20 to 25 lbs. Shoulders, $3 50@$3; 10 to 20 day Clear Rib, $4 10@$4 15; fully cured, spot, Clear, $4 25. Bacon—Higher; Clear Rib, $5 20@$5.....Hams—Dress Hams, 16c. average, $6 12½@$6 15. Sweet pickled Hams, 12c. average, fully cured, at Rockett, $6. Receipts—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; Wheat, 22,000 bushels; Corn, 25,000 bushels; Oats, 3,000 bushels; Rye, 3,000 bushels; Barley, 4,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; Wheat, 4,000 bushels.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 18.—Wool—Market quiet; no change in prices; manufacturers appear to have no confidence in a higher range of prices, and will purchase only as wanted, while holders of desirable Wools find that prices are now as low as they are likely to be. The stock of fine Fleeces is mostly in the hands of two parties, and no sales of importance have been made, nor can be made very freely at full current rates.....Combing and Delaine Fleeces are quiet, but steady. Sales include Ohio Germania, Nos. 1, XX, and No. 1, at 31½c. @35c.; Michigan, Nos. 1, and No. 1, at 31½c.; Ohio, Nos. 1, Wisconsin, medium and X, at 31c. @32c.; Northern Fleeces, medium, at 34c.; New-York X and medium, at 30c. @32½c.; Washed Combing and Delaine at 33c. @40c.; Unwashed Combing at 22½c. @30c.; Texas at 16c. @26c.; Eastern and Valley Oregon at 16c. @29c.; Colorado and Territory at 13c. @30c.; Scoured at 27½c. @65c.; Super and X Pulled at 29c. @40c. California Wool—Fair business, with sales of 378,000 lb. at 14c. @27c. for Spring, 11½c. @32c. for Fall, 20c. @26½c., outside prices for most desirable lots of Spring. Total sales of Domestic for the week, 1,062,000 lb.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 18.—Flour dull and prices a shade lower; Family, $4 25@$5 25. Wheat dull; Red and White, 90c. @97c. Corn dull, lower to sell at 32c. Oats quiet and unchanged at 24½c. @27c. Rye quiet at 51c. @52c. Barley dull and unchanged. Pork strong; sales at $8 75, cash; $8, buyer March. Lard in good demand and prices a shade higher; Steam, $5 90; sweet, $5 90@$5 92½ seller, February. Bulk meats strong and higher; Shoulders, 3¼c.; Short Rib, $4 35, cash, $4 35@$4 40, buyer March, $4 50, seller April; Short Clear, 4½c. Bacon scarce, firm, and higher; Shoulders, 3¾c.; Clear Rib, 4½c.; Clear Sides, 5c. @5½c. Whisky steady, with a good demand, at $1 08. Butter easier; fancy Western Reserve, 17c. @20c.; prime to choice do., 14c. @15c.; do., Central Ohio, 12c. @15c. Corn-meal steady and unchanged. Live Hogs in good demand and prices a shade higher; common, $2 30@$2 80; light, $2 90@$3 10; packing, $3 15@$3 35; butchers' $3 25@$3 45; receipts, 1,074 head; shipments, 1,000 head.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Flour steady; sales, 700 bbls. Wheat dull; holders are firm; quoted: No. 1 Duluth Spring, $1 09; No. 1 Hard Duluth, $1 08; No. 2 Milwaukee Club, 96c.; Red and Amber Winter, 95c. @$1.....Corn—No. 2 Western, 35c. cash; 35½c. February; 36c. March; No. 2 Western Mixed, 34c. Oats—No. 2 Western, 27½c. cash; 28c. February; 28½c. March; No. 2 Western Mixed, 27c. Rye—No. 2 Western, 45c. Barley—No. 2 Western, 91c. Provisions firm and higher; Pork, $8 75@$9 25; Lard, 6½c. @6¾c.; Shoulders, 3¾c.; Clear Rib, 4½c.; Clear Sides, 5c. @5½c. Whisky steady, with a good demand, at $1 08. Butter easier; fancy Western Reserve, 17c. @20c.; prime to choice do., 14c. @15c.; do., Central Ohio, 12c. @15c. Corn-meal steady and unchanged. Live Hogs in good demand and prices a shade higher; common, $2 30@$2 80; light, $2 90@$3 10; packing, $3 15@$3 35; butchers' $3 25@$3 45; receipts, 1,074 head; shipments, 1,000 head.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 18.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat opened steady, closed steady; No. 1 Milwaukee hard, 94c.; do., soft, 87c.; No. 2 do., 69½c.; January, 69½c.; February, 69½c.; March, 70½c.; No. 3 do., 60c.; No. 4 do., 50½c. @51c.; Rejected, 49½c. Corn dull and nominal; No. 2 at 29½c. @29c. Oats dull; No. 2, 18½c. Rye firmer; No. 1, at 42½c. @42½c. Barley dull and nominal; No. 2 Spring, cash and January, 80c.; February, 81c. Provisions firm and higher. Mess Pork firm; new, $8 50. Lard firmer; steam, $5 95. Live Hogs firmer at $2 70@$3. Dressed Hogs firm and higher at $3 62½@$3 65. Receipts—Flour, 7,000 bbls., Wheat, 68,000 bushels.

DETROIT, Jan. 18.—Flour firmer but quiet; sales, 200 bbls. White at $4 75. Wheat easier; Extra White Michigan, 96c.; No. 1 do., 94c.; January, 94c.; February, 96c.; March, 97½c.; April, 99½c.; May, $1 00¼. Corn dull, with very limited demand; No. 1 Yellow, 36c.; High Mixed, 34½c.; No. 1 Mixed, 33½c.; No. 2 Mixed, 32½c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 1 White, 26c. @26½c.; No. 2 White, 25c.; No. 1 Mixed, 24½c.; No. 2 do., 23½c. Clover-seed dull; Prime

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The following business was transacted at the Exchange on Saturday, Jan. 18:

V. E. Stevenson, Jr., foreclosure sale, George W. Black, Esq., Referee, sold the four-story brick building, with lot 19.3 by 69, No. 545 East 16th-st., north side, 133 feet west of Avenue B, for $4,600, to Michael J. Dwyer, plaintiff.

Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, Charles F. MacLean, Esq., Referee, sold three lots, each 25 by 104.4, on East 79th-st., north-east corner of Madison-av., for $21,000, to Equitable Life Assurance Company, plaintiff.

D. M. Seaman, foreclosure sale, G. W. West, Esq., Referee, sold the 2½-story stone-front building with lot 25.6 by 50.6 by 24.5 by 52.10, on 24-av., south-east corner of 26th-st., for $20,000, to Germania Life Insurance Company, plaintiff.

E. A. Lawrence & Co., foreclosure sale, Joseph S. Auerbach, Esq., Referee, sold the two-story frame house, with lot 16.8 by 100, No. 310 East 113th-st., south side, 141.6 feet east of 2d-av., for $3,000, to Martha E. Van Wyck, plaintiff.

The remaining auction sales were adjourned as follows: Sale by R. V. Harnett, of a plot of land on 10th-av., between 212th and 213th sts., to Jan. 23, and sale by same auctioneer of the house, with lot, No. 20 East 69th-st., east of Madison-av., to Feb. 1; also sale by Hugh N. Camp, of the buildings, with plot of land, on East 21st-st., west of 2d-av., to Feb. 17.

The total value of City real estate sold at the Exchange for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 18, was $255,067, as against $563,901, the figures for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 11.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS.

For the present week, at the Exchange, the following public auctions are announced:

To-day, (Monday,) Jan. 20.

By C. J. Lyon, foreclosure sale, Charles E. Jenkins, Esq., Referee, of the two five-story brick building, with lots each 26.1 by 100, Nos. 220 and 221 Madison-st., south side, 26.1 feet west of Jefferson-st.

By Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, Alfred Erbe, Esq., Referee, of the five-story brick store and tenement, with lot 23.9 by 96, No. 355 Madison-st., north side, 216 feet east of Scammel-st.

By Scott & Myers, foreclosure sale, John D. Lewis, Esq., Referee, of the five-story brick tenement houses, with lots, each 25 by 90, Nos. 60 and 62 Scott-st., east side, 125 feet north of Delancey-st. Also, similar sale, Thomas Wisser, Esq., Referee, of four lots, each 25 by 90, on 4th-st., west side, 50 feet north of 134th-st.

By Benjamin P. Fairchild, foreclosure sale, William F. Scott, Esq., Referee, of three lots, each 25 by 200, on Jerome-av., west side, 325 feet south of Kraus-st., running through to Inwood-av. Also a gore lot, 146 by 169 by — on Inwood-av., west side, running to Cromwell Brook, known as lot No. 354 on a map of Inwood, 23d Ward.

Tuesday, Jan. 21.

By E. R. Ludlow & Co., Executor's sale, of the four-story brown-stone-front dwelling, with lot 25 by 92, No. 109 East 17th-st., north side, east of 4th-av.; also, similar sale, of the four-story brick tenement-house, with lot 24.8 by 100, No. 339 10th-av., west side, between 29th and 30th sts.

By Richard V. Harnett, public auction sale of six-story brick building and three-story brick dwelling, with plot of land, 76.10 by 99.9 by 72 by 98.6, on Prince-st., north-east corner of Marion-st.

By Peter F. Meyer, foreclosure sale, Philip J. Joachimsen, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick and frame dwelling, with lot 25 by 87.6, No. 163 Allen-st., west side, 175 feet south of Stanton-st.

By John T. Boyd, foreclosure sale, Malcolm Campbell, Esq., Referee, of three-story brick dwelling, with lot 18.9 by 100.4, No. 118 West 44th-st., south side, 243.9 feet west of 6th-av. Also, a similar sale, Patrick H. Jones, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick dwelling, with lot 19.6 by 64.11 by 60.6, No. 1,505 Broadway, south-east corner of 47th-st.

By Louis Mosler, foreclosure sale, A. A. Redfield, Esq., Referee, of the two four-story brown-stone-front buildings, with lease of lot 20 by 200.10, No. 3 East 46th-st., north side, running through to (No. 20) East 47th-st., 140 feet east of 5th-av., dated April 29, 1871—a portion of the Windsor Hotel.

By A. P. Riker, foreclosure sale, William A. Boyd, Esq., Referee, of the three-story frame dwelling, with lot 25 by 102.2, No. 28 East 85th-st., south side, 325 feet east of 5th-av.

By James M. Oakley & Co., foreclosure sale, Peter B. Olney, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land 100.11 by 100, on 10th-av., south-east corner of 121st-st.

By Winans & Davies, foreclosure sale, W. H. Clarke, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brown-stone-front dwelling, with lot 20 by 80, No. 2,416 2d-av., east side, 20 feet south of 124th-st.

Wednesday, Jan. 22.

By Hugh N. Camp, foreclosure sale, T. C. Cronin, Esq., Referee, of the four-story brick store, with plot of land 145 by 103.3, Nos. 737 to 747 East 11th-st., north-west corner of (Nos. 165 to 171) Avenue D.

By F. G. & C. S. Brown, foreclosure sale, William F. Scott, Esq., Referee, of the five-story brick building and one-story brick house, with lot 27.6 by 96.8, No. 341 East 27th-st. north side, 172.6 feet west of 1st-av.

By C. J. Lyon, foreclosure sale, Cephas Brainerd, Esq., Referee, of the three-story stone-front dwelling, with lot 20 by 80, No. 108 Lexington-av., west side, 40.5 feet north of 62d-st. Also, similar sale, Charles P. Buckley, Esq., Referee, of the four-story brick tenement-house, with lot 25 by 102.2, No. 828 East 74th-st., south side, 275 feet east of 2d-av.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., foreclosure sale, Joseph C. Jackson, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land, 119 by 195.9 by 204 by 99 by 50 by 86.2, on 3d-av., running through to Brook-av., north-east corner of 151st-st., 23d Ward.

Thursday, Jan. 23.

By E. F. Raymond, foreclosure sale, George A. Halsey, Esq., Referee, of the four-story brown-stone-front building, with lot 27 by 100, No. 753 Broadway, west side, 54 feet north of Waverley-place.

By F. G. & C. S. Brown, foreclosure sale, William F. Scott, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brown-stone-front dwelling, with lot 19 by 98.9, No. 350 West 33d-st., south side, 412.6 feet west of 8th-av.

By Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, Louis P. Kerchein, Esq., Referee, of the four-story brick building, with lot 25.6 by 101.8, No. 1,591 2d-av., west side, 102.2 feet north of 82d-st. Also, similar sale, Louis P. Kerchien, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land, 250 by 225, on 10th-av., east side, block front 200 feet north of 213th-st.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., foreclosure sale, William H. Gibson, Esq., Referee, of four lots, each 25 by 99.11, on East 146th-st., north side, 475 feet east of 10th-av.

By C. J. Lyon, foreclosure sale, George P. Smith, Esq., Referee, of two lots, each 25 by 99.11, on West 151st-st., south side, 100 feet east of 10th-av.; also, a plot of land, 155.7 by 100, on 10th-av., south-east corner of 151st-st. Also, similar sale, H. Brewster, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land, 99.11 by —, on 8th-av., south-east corner of 154th-st., running through to Macomb's road.

By J. J. Bleecker & Son, foreclosure sale, T. R. Lane, Esq., Referee, of 6 1-10 acres of land, known as a map of Hunt's Point as portion D; also, 7 86-100 acres of land, known on the above map as portion C; also, land under water adjoining above.

Friday, Jan. 24.

By Bernard Smyth, foreclosure sale, R. G. Beardsley, Esq., Referee, of the five-story stone-front store, with lot 23.3 by 74.11 by 22 by 50.6, No. 2 New-Chambers-st., south side, 5 feet south of Chatham-st.

By E. F. Raymond, foreclosure sale, Edward Patterson, Esq., Referee, of the five-story brick building, with lot 25 by 100, No. 20 6th-av., east side, 25 feet north of 9th-st.

By V. H. Stevenson, Jr., foreclosure sale, J. Grant Pinchin, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick dwelling, with lot 18 by 65, No. 34 West 44th-st., south side, 294 feet east of 6th-av.

By William Kennelly, foreclosure sale, Charles F. Leverich, Esq., Referee, of the four-story brick tenement-house, with lot 24.9 by 100.8, No. 453 West 46th-st., north side, running through to (No. 20) East 47th-st., 140 feet east of 5th-av., dated April 29, 1871—a portion of the Windsor Hotel.

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By Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, Louis P. Kerchein, Esq., Referee, of the four-story brick building, with lot 25.6 by 101.8, No. 1,591 2d-av., west side, 102.2 feet north of 82d-st. Also, similar sale, Louis P. Kerchien, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land, 250 by 225, on 10th-av., east side, block front 200 feet north of 213th-st.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., foreclosure sale, William H. Gibson, Esq., Referee, of four lots, each 25 by 99.11, on East 146th-st., north side, 475 feet east of 10th-av.

By C. J. Lyon, foreclosure sale, George P. Smith, Esq., Referee, of two lots, each 25 by 99.11, on West 151st-st., south side, 100 feet east of 10th-av.; also, a plot of land, 155.7 by 100, on 10th-av., south-east corner of 151st-st. Also, similar sale, H. Brewster, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land, 99.11 by —, on 8th-av., south-east corner of 154th-st., running through to Macomb's road.

By J. J. Bleecker & Son, foreclosure sale, T. R. Lane, Esq., Referee, of 6 1-10 acres of land, known on a map of Hunt's Point as portion D; also, 7 86-100 acres of land, known on the above map as portion C; also, land under water adjoining above.

Friday, Jan. 24.

By Bernard Smyth, foreclosure sale, R. G. Beardsley, Esq., Referee, of the five-story stone-front store, with lot 23.3 by 74.11 by 22 by 50.6, No. 2 New-Chambers-st., south side, 5 feet south of Chatham-st.

By E. F. Raymond, foreclosure sale, Edward Patterson, Esq., Referee, of the five-story brick building, with lot 25 by 100, No. 20 6th-av., east side, 25 feet north of 9th-st.

By V. H. Stevenson, Jr., foreclosure sale, J. Grant Pinchin, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick dwelling, with lot 18 by 65, No. 34 West 44th-st., south side, 294 feet east of 6th-av.

By William Kennelly, foreclosure sale, Charles F. Leverich, Esq., Referee, of the four-story brick tenement-house, with lot 24.9 by 100.8, No. 453 West 46th-st., north side, running through to (No. 20) East 47th-st., 140 feet east of 5th-av.

By Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, J. S. Potter, Esq., Referee, of one lot, 25 by 102.2, on East 76th-st., south side, 250 feet west of 3d-av.; also, one lot, 25 by 102.2, on East 76th-st., south side, 275 feet east of 3d-av.

By C. J. Lyon, foreclosure sale, H. Brewster, Esq., Referee, of a gore lot, 82 by 178 by 158.2, on West 125th-st., north side, 100 feet west of 9th-av.

Saturday, Jan. 25.

By John T. Boyd, foreclosure sale, F. G. Salmon, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick building, with lot 24 by 80, No. 430 Greenwich-st., west side, 75 feet south of Vesey-st.

By Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, T. H. Baldwin, Esq., Referee, of the four-story stone-front dwelling, with lot 24 by 98.9, No. 51 West 21st-st., north side, 99 feet west of 9th-av.

By C. J. Lyon, foreclosure sale, J. W. Van Hoesen, Esq., Referee, of the two one-story brick slaughter-houses and two-story frame building, with three lots each 25 by 98.9, Nos. 512 to 518 West 41st-st., south side, 200 feet west of 9th-av.

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Saturday, Jan. 18.

8th-st., s. s., 60 ft. e. of 12th-st., 23.4x110.4x irregular; Louisa Bouton to Catharine A. Dean	$12,280
Rock-st., e. s., 100 No. 26, 25x107.11; Louisa Bouton to Catharine A. Dean	2,000
1st-av., w. s., 77.8 ft. n. of 7th-st., 30x50; Jeremiah Carey and wife to Philip Hanlon	nom.
Cherry-st., No. 151; Dennis Daly to John Clare	6,797
85th-st., s. s., 184.7 1-8 ft. w. of 2d-av., 40x102.9; Michael Sullivan to Catharine and others	15,000
82d-st., s. s., 81.4 ft. e. of 3d-av., 20x100.9; W. A. Dean, Referee, to United States Trust Company	12,760
Gramercy Park, East, 19.8 ft. n. of Rutherford-pl., 19x50; E. M. Burghard, Referee, to German Savings Bank	8,000
Desbrosses-st., n. s., 50 ft. w. of Livingston-st., Daniel Jones Tuthe to Michael O'Keefe	400
3d-av., s. s., 25 ft. e. of 99th-st., 20.2x100x irregular; George Dreyer and wife to Margaretta Bryer	25,000
Albany Post-road, w. s., 17 acres, 244ft. West; Thomas Walsh and wife to Edward Binson	nom.

LEASES RECORDED.

9th-st., s. s., 250 ft. e. of Avenue A, 25x90.10x, 20 years; William Aeno to Karl Pinkert	$350
84-av., w. s., 100.4 ft. n. of 11th-st., 16.6x75, 21 years; Mary E. Bouvenant to J. R. Kiess	425
Brownwich-st., No. 54, 1 year; John Reuter to Henry Weiss	2,000

MORTGAGES RECORDED.

Dominge, James, and wife to the Mutual Life Insurance Company; Nos. 144, 146, 148, 150, and 152 West 27th-st., and Nos. 2, 4, 6, and 8 Minerva-place, 18 months | $50,000
Bowen, Daniel, and others to John W. Wright; 2d, 36th-st., w. of 6th-av., 1 year | 7,000
O'Rourke, Michael, to John Tighe; n. s. Rivington-st., w. of Livingston-st., 3 years | 200
Otten, Henry, and George Gardner; s. s. 125th-st., west of Avenue A, notes | 1,250
O'Neill, John, to Benjamin F. Johnson; n. s. 41d-st., e. of 8th-av., 5 years | 6,000
Sanderson, Leonard, to E. Eugene Nichols; s. s. 50th-st., e. of 8th-av., 15 days | 5,000

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGES.

Bowman, Henrietta, to Polly Sonfield	$1,500
Hernandez, Margarita C., to Josephine C. Jenness	1,000
Hughes, Alvin, to George S. Humphrey, 1 year	nom.
Same to same, 1 year	nom.
Medley, Thomas F., to the Mutual Life Insurance Company	9,000
Milbank, Charles R., and others, Executors, &c., to Emily N. Paulk	2,000
Milbank, Charles R., and others, Executors, &c., to Mary E. Miller	2,000
Sherman Savings Bank to James K. Benedict, dated Oct. 6, 1876	2,800
Snyder, John F., to Walter S. Monk, Trustee, &c.	3,500

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR LEASE—THE FIRST-CLASS PROPERTY known as Nos. 185 and 187 BROADWAY, NORTH-WEST CORNER OF CEDAR-ST., is for sale or lease for the term of 10 or 15 years, and is at present occupied by the HOME INSURANCE COMPANY. It has one of the finest vaults of any building on Broadway. Rise on Broadway, 40 feet. Rise on Cedar-st., 155 feet. For full particulars apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN TO CLOSE AN estate, three-story brown-stone houses, 30th-st., between 2d and 3d ave.; also, 34-av., near 30th-st., four-story brick. R. A. CRUIKSHANK & CO., No. 68 Broadway.

IN 38TH-ST.—COMMERCING NO. 225 EAST OF 3d-av., five houses varying in size from 18 to 22 feet; three of these have dining-room extension 16 by 26 feet; this location is one of the best in this City. Inquire of ANTHONY MOWBRAY, on premises.

A CHARMING PARK-AVENUE FULL-SIZE house, near 59th-st.; barrain. V. E. STEVENSON, Jr., 4 Pine, 35 East 17th-st., and 661 5th-av.

BULKHEAD WATER-FRONTS, NEAR CITY, for chemical works, factories, refineries, &c.; also blocks for dwellings; for sale very low on easy terms. R. A. YOUNG, Engineer, &c., No. 30 Exchange-place.

HARLEM—RAPID TRANSIT. Houses, stores, and floors, to let and for sale. PORTER & CO., No. 173 East 126th-st.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

MOSES WILKINS, Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF NO. 109 EAST 17TH-ST.—E. R. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Jan. 21, 1879, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York—sale to close the estate of Charlotte A. Orton, deceased.

EAST RIVER WATER-FRONT.—The very desirable four-story brown-stone high-stoop house and lot, No. 109 East 17th-st., just east of 4th-av. House is 22x58 feet, including extension, in good order, frescoed; contains all the conveniences, and has private stair-case to second floor. Lot, 25 feet.

The premises are sold subject to a lease until May 1, 1879, at $2,500 per annum.

Maps, &c., at the office of the auctioneers, No. 3 Pine-st., New-York.

MOSES WILKINS, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE.—*NO. 339 TENTH-AV.—E. R. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Jan. 21, 1879, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sale-room, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York, sale by order of the Executors of Anton Otto, deceased:*

TENTH-AVENUE.—The four-story and basement brick tenement-house 24.6x45 feet, known as No. 339 10th-av., west side, between 29th and 30th sts.; lot, 100 feet.

VALENTINE HAYTEMER,
BERNARD G. AMEND, Executors.

Maps and particulars at the Auctioneers' office, No. 3 Pine-st., New-York.

CITY HOUSES TO LET.

TO LET—ON 47TH-AV., JUST ABOVE UNION-square, four-story brick dwelling, perfect order, only $1,600. Inquire of Business Department, R. A. CRUIKSHANK & CO., No. 68 Broadway.

TO RENT ON LEASE—ON 5TH-AV., BETWEEN 11th and 12th sts., a large double house; will be thoroughly repaired and altered to suit a desirable tenant. Apply to J. L. SMITH, No. 212 East 9th-st.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET IN THE TIMES BUILDING. APPLY TO GEORGE JONES, TIMES OFFICE.

TO LET OR LEASE—THE NEW STORES NOS. 502 AND 504 BROADWAY, 50x200, NOS. 507 AND 509 BROADWAY, 50x200, AND NO. 511 BROADWAY, 25x200, extending through to Mercer-st.; central location for dry goods business. These spacious stores, with basement and sub-basement, can be rented as a whole, or will be divided to suit tenants. Apply to HORACE B. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

TO LET OR LEASE.—THE NEW DOUBLE store, NOS. 503 AND 505 BROADWAY, extending through to Mercer-st.; also, 50x200, with basement and sub-basement; now ready for occupation. Apply to HORACE B. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

BROADWAY BUILDINGS, STORES, AND Blocks to let cheap, near Exchange-place, Bleecker-st., Waverley-place, Astor-place, 12th and 30th sts.; some entire and corners. R. A. CRUIKSHANK & CO., No. 68 Broadway.

TO LET OR LEASE—THE NEW STORE NO. 511 Broadway, extending through to Mercer-st., with basement and sub-basement; ready for occupancy 1st of February. Apply to HORACE B. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

FIRST LOFT, NO. 12 LISPENARD-ST., 25 by 100 feet, in perfect order. Rent low. JOHN M. PINKNEY, No. 24 Park-place.

SHIPPING.

GREAT SOUTHERN

FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE, FOR CHARLESTON, S.C., FLORIDA PORTS, AND ALL POINTS IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

SAILING FROM PIER NO. 27 NORTH RIVER, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS at 3 P. M.

CHARLESTON.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 22
CHAMPION.....SATURDAY, Jan. 25

SUPERIOR PASSENGER ACCOMMODATIONS.

Insurance to destination, one-half of one per cent. Goods forwarded free of commission. Passenger tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents, Office on the Pier.

Or W. P. CLYDE & CO., No. 6 Bowling Green.
Or BENTLEY D. HASELL, General Agent, Great Southern Freight Line, 317 Broadway.

PALMETTO FREIGHT LINE.

VIA STEAM-SHIP TO CHARLESTON, S. C., and the SAVANNAH AND CHARLESTON RAILROAD, to all points in the South and South-west. Freight rates and insurance at lowest figures. Bills of lading signed at Pier No. 27 North River. CHAS. D. OWENS, General Agent, Palmetto Freight Line, No. 315 Broadway.

SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA.

From Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.

GATE CITY, Capt. DACOSTA.....Wednesday, Jan. 22
CITY OF MACON, Capt. KENYON.....Saturday, Jan. 25

Connecting at Fernandina with the Central Railroad of Georgia and Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, Georgia and Florida Steamboat Company, and with the new and elegant iron steamer ST. JOHNS.

C. D. OWENS, General Agent A. & G. R. R., No. 315 Broadway. GEO. TONGE, Agent, Ocean S. S. Co. and Central R. R. of Ga., No. 409 Broadway.

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAM-SHIP LINE.

FOR ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO, BAHIA, AND RIO DE JANEIRO,

Connecting at St. Thomas with German steamers for Porto Rico and Spanish Main. The new first-class iron steam-ship CITY OF PARA, Capt. CARSTENS, will sail for the above ports on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 3 P. M.

Positively no freight received after 3d. Freight must be paid in advance. Freight at low rates taken for the above ports. Freight received at Roberts' Dock, Brooklyn. Insurance lower than by any other line. Shippers desiring insurance can effect same under our open policy. For freight engagements or passage, have first elegant accommodations, apply to C. H. MALLORY & CO., Agents, Office, Pier No. 20 East River.

FLORIDA RAILROAD AND STEAM-SHIP LINE.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FLORIDA. SAILING EVERY SATURDAY. LOWEST RATES OF FREIGHT AND PASSAGE. Steamer ASHLAND, SATURDAY, Jan. 18. And every SATURDAY thereafter.

For Fernandina direct, from Pier No. 12 N. R., at 3 P. M. Only line leaving through tickets and bills lading to all points in Florida, and on Chattahoochie, Apalachicola, and Flint Rivers, and BRUNSWICK, Ga. Insurance ½ per cent. Bills lading signed on pier. For further information, through bills lading, and passage rates, apply to J. K. ROBERTS, No. 177 West-st., up stairs.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

Pier foot Canal-st., North River.

For SAN FRANCISCO via ISTHMUS OF PANAMA: Steam-ship COLON.....Monday, Jan. 20, noon. Connecting for South and Central America and Mexico.

From San Francisco for Japan and China: Steam-ship CHINA.....Wednesday, March 5, noon.

From SAN FRANCISCO to HONOLULU, NEW-ZEALAND, and AUSTRALIA: Steam-ship AUSTRALIA.....Monday, Jan. 20, noon.

For freight or general information apply to Company's office, on the pier, foot of Canal-st., North River, and for passage at Company's Ticket Office, No. 257 Broadway.

NEW-YORK, HAVANA & MEXICAN MAIL S. S. LINE. Steamer leaves Pier No. 3 North River at 3 P. M.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT AND VERA CRUZ. Calling at Progreso, Campeche, and Frontera.

CITY OF VERA CRUZ.....Saturday, Jan. 25
CITY OF WASHINGTON, (Havana only,) Thurs., Feb. 6
CITY OF MERIDA.....Saturday, Feb. 8

Steamer leaves New-Orleans Jan. 29 and Feb. 19 for Vera Cruz. Passengers for Tampico, Tuxpan, must change with steamer for Havana, New-York, and above ports. F. ALEXANDER & SONS, Nos. 21 and 23 Broadway.

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.

NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing the meridian of 50 at 41 latitude, or nothing to the north of 42.

On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 50 at 42, or nothing to the north of 43.

FROM NEW-YORK FOR LIVERPOOL OR QUEENSTOWN.

ALGERIA.....WED., Jan. 22 | SCYTHIA.....WED., Feb. 5
PARTHIA.....WED., Jan. 29 | ABYSSINIA.....WED., Feb. 12

Cabin passage and return tickets on favorable terms, including a special low rate for the Fall and Winter months.

Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at very low rates. Freight and passage office, No. 4 Bowling Green. CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

WHITE STAR LINE.

UNITED STATES AND ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

NOTICE.—The steamers of this line take the Lane Routes recommended by Lieut. Maury, U. S. N., on both the outward and the homeward passages.

OELTIC, Capt. SEAMAN.....Thurs., Jan. 23, 6 A. M.
BRITANNIC, Capt. Parry.....Saturday, Feb. 1, noon.
REPUBLIC, Capt. Inman.....Thursday, Feb. 6, 3 P. M.

From White Star Dock, Pier No. 52 North River.

These steamers are uniform in size and unsurpassed in accommodations. The saloons, state-rooms (amidship) and bath rooms are midship, where the noise and motion are least felt, affording a degree of comfort hitherto unattainable at sea.

Rates—Saloon, $80, $90, and $100, gold; return tickets on favorable terms; steerage, $35.

These steamers carry neither cattle, sheep, nor pigs.

For inspection of plans and other information, apply at the company's office, No. 37 Broadway, New-York, or No. 140 Walnut-st., Phila. B. J. CORTHA, Agent.

GUION LINE.

UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS. FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL. Leaving Pier 38, N. R., foot of Rings.

NEVADA.....TUESDAY, Jan. 21, 2:30 P. M.
MONTANA.....TUESDAY, Jan. 28, 9 A. M.
WISCONSIN.....TUESDAY, Feb. 4, 8 P. M.
WYOMING.....TUESDAY, Feb. 18, 3 P. M.
NEVADA.....TUESDAY, Feb. 25, 7:30 A. M.

☞ These steamers are built of iron, in water-tight compartments, and are furnished with every requisite to make the passage across the Atlantic both safe and agreeable, having bath-rooms, smoking-room, dining-room, piano, and library; also, experienced surgeon, stewards, and caterer on each steamer. The state-rooms are all on deck, thus insuring those greatest of all luxuries at sea, perfect ventilation and light.

CABIN PASSAGE (according to state-rooms) $55, $65, and $75. INTERMEDIATE, $40; STEERAGE, $25. OFFICES, NO. 29 BROADWAY. WILLIAMS & GUION.

STATE LINE,

TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, DUBLIN, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.

From Pier No. 43 N. R., foot of Canal-st., as follows:

STATE OF NEVADA.....Thursday, Jan. 23
STATE OF INDIANA.....Thursday, Jan. 30

First Cabin, $55 to $70, according to accommodations; excursion tickets, $100 to $120. Second Cabin, $40; excursion tickets, $75. Steerage at lowest rates.

AUSTIN, BALDWIN & CO., Agents, No. 77 Broadway, New-York.

STEERAGE tickets at No. 42 Broadway, and at the company's pier, foot of Canal-st., North River.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, AND BREMEN.

Company's pier foot of 2d-st., Hoboken.

NECKAR.....Sat., Jan. 25 | HOSEL.....Sat., Feb. 8
WESER.....Sat., Feb. 1 | ODER.....Sat., Feb. 15

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN.

First cabin	$100
Second cabin	60
Steerage	30

Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage certificates, $30. STEERAGE TICKETS TO ALL POINTS IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND, $30.

OELRICHS & CO., No. 2 Bowling Green.

INMAN LINE ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF CHESTER.....Saturday, Jan. 25, 7:30 A. M.
CITY OF CENTRAL.....Saturday, Feb. 1, 8 A. M.
CITY OF BERLIN.....Saturday, Feb. 8, 8:30 A. M.

From Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Charlton-st.

CABIN, $60, $80, and $100, gold. Return tickets on favorable terms. STEERAGE, $26, gold. Drafts at lowest rates. Saloon, state-rooms, smoking and bath rooms amidships. These steamers do not carry cattle, sheep, or pigs. JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, cor. Broadway, N. Y. Philadelphia Office, No. 103 South 4th-st.

GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY (Between Havre and New-York. French Mail Company's Pier, (new,) No. 42 North River, foot of Morton-st.

AMERIQUE, DUTOUR.....Wednesday, Jan. 22, 8:30 A. M.
FRANCE, TROUELLIER.....Wednesday, Feb. 12, 3:30 P. M.
CANADA, FRANCOIS.....Wednesday, Feb. 19, 3:30 P. M.

Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers.

Checks drawn on Credit Lyonnais of Paris in amounts to suit.

For freight and passengers apply to LOUIS DE BEBIAN, Agent, No. 55 Broadway.

ANCHOR LINE U. S. MAIL STEAMERS, NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.

From Pier No. 20 North River, New-York.

Devonia.....Jan. 25, 7 A. M. | Anchoria.....Feb. 8, 3 A. M.
Ethiopia.....Feb. 1, noon. | Bolivia.....Feb. 15, noon.

Cabins, $60 to $80. Excursion tickets at reduced rates. Second Cabin, $40. Steerage, $28.

NEW-YORK TO LONDON DIRECT.

From Pier No. 46 North River, foot of Charlton-st.

Cassalia.....Jan. 28, 7 A. M. | California.....Feb. 1, noon.

Cabins, $60 and $80. Excursion tickets at reduced rates. HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents, 7 Bowling Green.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.

Hamburg-American Packet Company's Line for PLYMOUTH, CHERBOURG, AND HAMBURG.

HERDER.....Thurs., Jan. 23 | CIMBRIA.....Thurs., Feb. 6
GELLERT.....Thurs., Jan. 30 | LESSING.....Thurs., Feb. 13

Rates of passage to Plymouth, London, Cherbourg, Hamburg, and points in Germany: First Cabin, $100; second cabin, $60; Steerage, $30.

KUNHARDT & CO., General Agents, No. 61 Broadway, N. Y. C. S. RICHARD & BOAS, General Passenger Agents, No. 61 Broadway, N. Y.

ROTTERDAM LINE.

Steamers leave Jersey City, near Pavonia Ferry.

ROTTERDAM.....Wednesday, Jan. 22
W. A. SCHOLTEN.....Saturday, Feb. 1

Cabin, $65 to $70. Intermediate, $40 to $50. Steerage, $22. H. CLAUX, General Agent, No. 97 North William-st. FUNCH, EDYE & CO., Agents, No. 5 Broadway. L. W. MORRIS, 27 So. Wm-st., Freight Agts. 50 B'way, Gen. Passage Agt.

NATIONAL LINE—FROM NEW PIER 38 N. R. FOR LONDON, (Victoria Docks:)

Holland, Wed., Jan. 22, 3 P. M. | Canada, Feb. 5, 11:30 A. M.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN:

Egypt, Sat., Jan. 25, 1 P. M. | Erin, Sat., Feb. 8, 6:30 A. M.

Cabin, $50 to $70, currency; steerage, $26. Drafts from £1 upward issued at very low rates. Company's offices, 69 and 73 Broadway. F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

NEW-YORK AND CUBA MAIL S. S. LINE FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

FROM PIER 17 EAST RIVER AT 3 P. M.

Regular accommodation line.

S. S. SARATOGA.....Wednesday, Jan. 22
S. S. NIAGARA.....Saturday, Feb. 1

Tickets issued also for VERA CRUZ AND WEST INDIA ISLANDS in connection with French and English S. S. Lines from Havana. JAMES E. WARD & CO., No. 113 Wall-st.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships sail regularly at 2 P. M. from Pier No. 12 North River, at following:

Steam-ship.....SATURDAY, Jan. 18
Steamer SANTIAGO DE CUBA.....WED., Jan. 29

Accommodations unsurpassed. For freight or passage apply to WILLIAM P. CLYDE & CO., No. 6 Bowling Green. MORALES, LULING & CO., Agents in Havana.

RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—Commencing Dec. 30, 1878, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:00 A. M., Western and Northern Express. Drawing-room cars to Albany and Rochester, and from Albany to Montreal via Saratoga.

10:30 A. M., Special Chicago and Western Express, with Drawing-room cars to Canandaigua, Rochester, and Buffalo.

11:00 A. M., Express to Albany and Troy, with connections to Utica and Rutland.

4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with through Sleeping cars via St. Albans.

6:00 P. M., St. Louis Express daily, with sleeping cars for St. Louis, running through every day in the week; also, sleeping cars for Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toledo, and Detroit, and for Montreal, accepting Sunday night, via Saratoga.

7:30 P. M., Fast Express for Rochester and Corning, via Geneva, Drawing-room cars to Rochester.

8:30

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TALMAGE FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

PAUL AS A SENSATIONALIST—RELIGION AND SOMNOLENCE COMICALLY CONSIDERED—VISITING THE SLUMS A COMMON PRACTICE AMONG MINISTERS.

On Mr. Talmage's table yesterday was a large array of camellias, tube roses, roses of various colors, and forget-me-nots, set in a broad, brown wicker base, filled with ferns and smilax. Across its horizontal arm were the words, "Help For All." Mr. Talmage's text was Acts xix., 23: "There arose no small stir about that way." The stir, he said, was made by Paul, who was upsetting everything by his sermons. The people of Ephesus had brought out about $9,000 worth of bad books, and had made a bonfire of them, in answer to his appeals. He had spoiled the business of selling medallions of Diana, and the merchants had held an indignation meeting, and had resolved that this thing must stop. Everybody was wondering what he would do next. Never before, nor since, had there been such a sensation. "What is a sensation?" asked the speaker. "Webster defines it as an excited state of thought or feeling, and I can't see anything more valuable, but as the word 'conservatism' has been twisted from its noble sense to mean stupid do-nothingism, so the word 'sensation' has been twisted to mean everything erratic and reprehensible. No one ever accomplished any good in Church or State without making a sensation. Sensation is life; stagnation is death. When I am called a sensationalist I take it as a compliment. [Laughter.] I have often wished it were more true. God helping me, I will make it more true. [Applause.] When I was a layman and in the pews, I noticed that religion was associated with dullness. When a Governor is to be nominated or financial questions are to be discussed, the people are all awake; but when Christ is to be crowned or the eternal wealth or pauperization of the soul are the topics, everybody is somnolent. I noticed that there was something radically wrong with the Church. We all remember how, in our boyhood days, we made use of every art to remain awake in church. We ate caraway seeds [laughter] and cloves, and held one foot up until it was numb, [renewed laughter] and pinched ourselves until we were black and blue, or received a stimulus from a big brother who stuck a pin into us, [great laughter] or a look from an older sister that made us sink into the ground in shame at our lack of self-abnegation. Then we looked up at the deacon's pew and saw the seven sleepers [roars of laughter] who had lost their hold after the second head, and thought there must still be some chance for us when such good men gave way. [Renewed laughter.] I was sure then, and that there is more sleeping done in churches than in any other buildings on the face of the earth. [Laughter.] They are the great dormitories of civilization. [Renewed laughter.] Men who are troubled with insomnia at home come to church and enjoy refreshing slumber. What sedatives and anodynes cannot do the long sermon and prayer accomplishes. [Laughter.] When the minister draws out 'Now, to be brief, eighteenthly,' men put their heads down upon the fronts of their pews and pretend to be overcome with emotion, when the truth is they cannot remain awake any longer." [Great laughter.]

Here Mr. Talmage told the familiar story of the sleepy Scotchman who, being advised by his minister from the pulpit to take a pinch of snuff, retorted that the snuff would be better in the sermon. This sentiment was received with an astonishing outburst of hand-clapping and stamping of feet that lasted a minute or a minute and a half. The speaker continued: "With all the artillery of heaven at hand, why should not a minister be able to keep his hearers awake? What would be thought of a man at a banquet who should take his watch out every few minutes to see how soon he might stop eating meringue pie? [Laughter.] Yet church services are a banquet of the highest order. I have no patience when I see them all made up of napkin-ring and finger-bowl, with nothing to satisfy the appetites of the guests. I say to young men preparing for the ministry, if you want audiences, make a stir. What do the general public care about the conventionalities of religion or about the 'sesquipedalian' words with which some ministers crawl through the services? They do know, though, that the chief anxiety of such is lest they may look at the wrong place in the notes of their sermons. [Laughter.] They know, too, that that soap-lock has been carefully prepared to fall down upon the brow at the proper time, so that it may be brushed away with the diamonded hand. Their chief anxiety at the moment is probably to learn how to pay a $500 note with $200 of money. [Laughter.] I went to a church once where the sermon was beautiful, the singing was beautiful, the interior was beautiful, the minister was beautiful, everything was beautiful, [laughter,] but somnolence took such possession of me that, although I fought hard against it, it was of no use, and I put my head down on the front of the pew and had one of the most refreshing slumbers of my life. [Laughter.] I committed no sin. That man in the pulpit with his pedantic and didactic heavy as lead was the criminal. That is why congregations are slim. A few come to church because it was eternally decreed that they would come, [laughter,] but the majority are in a state of suspension in an insane house or the vault of a cemetery. The battle to be fought in the cause of religion is one of sensation against stagnation. Let the Church wake up! It is high time the cavalry was sent for; the big guns have got stuck in the mud. [Laughter.]

"It has been one of my resolutions, God helping me, never to be dull. Sometimes one can't help being dull on account of illness, or lack of ventilation, or some similar cause. The reason ministers are generally such heartless critics is that, on account of their sedentary life, they are victims of indigestion. Why, an I wrote a religious edition, and a book came that I thought ought to be cut to pieces, I always handed it to the clerical assistant who had the worst dyspepsia, and it was cut to pieces invariably. [Laughter.] There is nothing that is available in the parlor or on the platform that is not appropriate to the pulpit. It is not one of my days to preach a sermon on the parchment of the Bible. It is full of it. If a preacher says something specially intended to make people laugh he is reprehensible, but if what he says is so true that they cannot help laughing, that is another thing. A minister should remember everything. If he can't say anything better than two flats, let him strike them together so sharply that they will give out fire. During the last war I was Chaplain for a few weeks in a Pennsylvania regiment. One day I was told that a cavalryman lay dying in a barn four or five miles away, and I went to see if I could be of any service to him. He asked me to take his home, which was suffering from lack of attention, and his equipments to Hagerstown. I consented, but I had no notion of the job I was undertaking. I carried a heavy sword and a carbine and a haversack and many other things of which I know not the name. I was so heavily loaded that I was obliged to go at a slow walk, holding on to the pommel of the McClellan saddle. About half way the girth broke, and I went off. [Laughter.] I had a nice time getting the team together again. There were many stragglers from the Confederate army in the same road, but they did not seem to be affrighted at my warlike appearance. [Laughter.] When I arrived at head-quarters, and the boys gave three cheers for the minister who had been brave enough to capture a horse, I am afraid my embarrassment exceeded my exhilaration. [Renewed laughter.] Some ministers travel like that same style. We are so overloaded that we are afraid of dropping something at every step, and we hold on like grim death. We forget that David slew the Giant Goliath with a sling. I believe that on the day of eternity some backwoods minister, who never had three months' education in his life, will be found to have done more for the race than we whose manifold books and surplices are not enough to keep us from freezing to death in an ecclesiasticism twenty degrees below zero. [Laughter.]

"I have always tried to avoid explaining to you what I did not understand myself. I believe that there are three persons in one God, and that Christ had a divine and human nature, but I cannot explain how it is, and I won't try to. During the first years of my ministry I did try, but I found the greatest difficulty in the task. Sometimes, when I had finished and was consoling myself with the hope that my hearers understood what I was saying better than I did, some plain man at the foot of the pulpit would ask me a question that would throw me into the greatest confusion, and I would have to tell him, 'I'll see you some other time.' [Great laughter.] There was a great fire in my house the other day. I turned up 500 manuscript sermons. [Laughter.] When I began preaching, I used to write out every word I was going to say, and these were the results. They contained explanations of all the mysteries of religion and of "the destiny of election that were about as clear as a Scotch mist or a San Francisco fog. [Laughter.] But I thought, as they lay in the grate, that there was more warmth in them than ever before. There is nothing in romance so enchanting as religion if we look at it fairly, but if we plow it upon the dissecting table and rip its heart out, we make it loathsome and a corpse.

"It has always been my resolution to smite sin, reckless of the consequences. The reason it flourishes is that it is not called by its right name. Ministers should be artillerists, and should let others provide the ambulances. The reason my sermons make a stir is that they are true. If you fire a stone at a lot of dogs on a common, which one is it that howls? The one that is hit. [Laughter.] It is a bad sign of the times that so many ministers can be made to shut up. You might as well try to stop the yellow fever by saying nothing about it. When I began to preach about the vices of the great cities, I went in person to see what they were. Some people thought I should have stopped on Brooklyn Heights, loaded my gun with blank cartridge, pointed it at the Fourth Ward, New-York, shut my eyes, turned my head back, pulled the trigger, and made for Bushwick. [Great laughter.] Because I didn't, many ministers became frantic. From what my dear brethren said, it would be thought that I was the first minister that ever penetrated the slums. I could name some of the best evangelists of the two sides who preceded me. The Police who took me around told me they had taken them, too. [Roars of laughter.] I could make a big disturbance in some congregations if I wanted to tell tales, but I won't. [Renewed laughter.] The difference between us has been that they said nothing about what they saw, while I told my people everything, and uttered a warning to young men to look out. The bar of God will decide which was the best plan. Some years ago I preached a series of sermons on the average American theatre. Afterward I was told that I had talked of theatres as they existed 200 years ago. If I recur to the subject, I will go the rounds and see for myself. I have done looking through other peoples' spectacles. [Laughter.] God has has given me a pair of good eyes, and I am going to use them.

"I have always sought the most startling and arresting themes I could find, and I will always do so. Where sensation is the plaintiff, and starvation the defendant, I will always be found acting as attorney for the plaintiff. [Laughter.] I have tried to preach sermons that would not leave my hearers in the lurch. We don't want a religion that will take us smoothly over the few miles of road on this earth, and then put us out on the snow-bank of the grave. You will bear witness that, during the past 10 years, I have preached Christ, and have not hidden any of the old truths."

SKATING AT GILMORE'S GARDEN.

THE PLACE TRANSFORMED INTO AN IMMENSE RINK.

Of the long list of transformation scenes witnessed in Gilmore's Garden since its erection as the Hippodrome, and including those necessary to prepare it for circuses, Gospel meetings, wrestling matches, flower shows, dog shows, concerts, balls, receptions, walking matches, shooting exhibitions, lacrosse matches, athletic tournaments, temperance meetings, and the hundred and one uses to which it has been put, none has been so complete and wonderful as that exhibited there at present. The vast arena has become a skating-rink, and is now the bed of a frozen lake, covering 18,000 square feet and having a surface like glass. No snow can interfere with the pleasure of the skaters here, and no warm weather can take away their ice, which is artificial, and is made by a process that is as effective when the ice outside is melting and snow is becoming slush as when the mercury stands many degrees below zero. From the outer walls of the Garden all traces of circus, walking match and athletic games have disappeared, and they are now covered by thousands of posters displaying the well-known sign of the red ball that so gladdens the hearts of skaters.

To effect this change a vast amount of labor has been necessary. First, the great heaters had to be removed and the racing tracks leveled. Then the whole of the vast space had to be floored over, and in the centre, where the rink now is, the floor was laid very carefully, of narrow strips closely jointed. This portion of the floor, 260 feet long by 70 feet wide, was inclosed until it resembled a gigantic box. Then the floor was covered with water-proof roofing material, and over this was laid a vast system of 1-inch iron pipes were laid four inches apart, like a great gridiron. A line of 6-inch feed-pipes, with which the smaller pipes were connected, were placed around three sides of the inclosure and about a foot above its surface. In all, 10 miles of pipe were laid and jointed. In the meantime, a huge tank 300 feet long, and capable of holding 5,000 gallons of freezing mixture, had been built beneath the northern gallery, and a steam pump of the largest size had been placed in position at the north-east corner of the lake. Of the freezing mixture, all that is apparent is salt and broken ice. On Friday the water was turned on and the freezing was begun; but as much water on so warm a floor was not to be easily frozen, and the work progressed slowly. All Friday night the men worked, and on Saturday hundreds of barrels of snow were carried in from the outside and mixed with the water, that the skating surface might be prepared more quickly. The work on Saturday was somewhat delayed by the men who were attempting to remove the great sounding-board that used to hang above the band-stand in the middle of the garden. By carelessness they allowed this unwieldly bulk to fall from its position directly into the centre of the rink, where it was shattered. It was some time before the wreck was cleared away, and it was discovered that none of the pipes on which it had fallen were broken. On Saturday afternoon one end of the rink was finished, and Mr. Frank Swift, the champion skater of America, who was watching the formation of the lake, put on his skates and was the first person to try it. He pronounced the ice capital, very hard, and as fine as any on which he had ever skated. Yesterday afternoon ice had been formed over the entire surface, and it only remained to flood the rink several times to a slight depth, allow it to freeze, and turn it over to the skaters. This morning the new rink will be thrown open to the public. One of the chief advantages claimed by the projectors of this enterprise is that the ice will not be affected by the temperature of the air, and they intend keeping the temperature of the Garden up to 60° all the time, so that spectators may sit in comfort and watch the skaters. Gilmore's Band is to furnish music afternoons and evenings, and Frank Swift and other experts are to be constantly on hand to give exhibitions and instruction in fancy skating. At night, in addition to the arches of colored lights with which the place is already provided, it will be illuminated by two electric lights. The ice in this rink is the largest single sheet ever formed artificially, the one most nearly approaching it in size having been one in England containing 5,000 square feet, formed by the same process.

THE DEATH OF WILLIAM J. CADMUS.

PROBABLY NEITHER ACCIDENTAL NOR SELF-SOUGHT—AN INQUEST TO BE HELD.

There are circumstances surrounding the discovery of the body of William J. Cadmus, at Communipaw, N. J., which cannot be explained easily upon the theory that his death was either accidental or self-sought. The Police incorrectly stated Saturday night that the body had been taken from the waters of the Bay. The remains were found near Jacolomon's boat-house, on the Communipaw shore. The dead man lay over a log, his face being in the water, and his feet on the snow. The condition of the snow shows clearly enough that, since the snow fell, the tide had not risen at that point more than three inches. This fact disposes at once of the theory of Mr. Cadmus having fallen overboard from a boat, and his body having been washed to the shore. Nor is there any evidence that he walked to the place where the corpse lay. The boy who discovered the body says there was not a foot-print in the snow leading to the spot. It has been surmised that he may have walked close to the river front and fallen in the water, but the discovery of his hat on the unbroken crust of the snow, 100 feet from where he lay, would not seem to bear out that supposition. The absence of any marks on his body of such violence as might have caused death, militates against the theory that he was murdered; but it is thought possible that he may have been struck with a sand-club, or that poison may have been put in some liquor drunk by him; that having been killed and robbed on this side of the river, he was taken over the water in a boat and thrown where his body was found. He never went from home with less than from $50 to $100 in his pockets. When the body was discovered only 14 cents in money was found on it. Mr. Cadmus' gold watch, worth $250, is also missing. It is known that he purchased a return ticket from New-York, which was not found in his pockets.

The body was removed to his home at Bayonne on Saturday. The County Physician, who made a post-mortem examination, has ordered Coroner Paralow to hold an inquest. The Coroner says that when he visited Bayonne yesterday, he found a slight depression in the forehead above the nose, and a discoloration above the right eye is visible. A sand-club, if used, would not have left any specially vivid marks upon the body.

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These preliminaries being arranged, the force moved at 6:30 yesterday morning. It comprised 600 carts and their drivers, 700 regular street-sweepers of the department, the 300 Italians and the officers, or 1,650 men in all. So well had the plans been arranged that the driver of each cart and every laborer knew the night before just where he was to report in the morning, and Capt. Hedden at the corner of Fulton-street, Roundsman Stevens in front of the Times Building, and Deputy Inspector Plunkett at the corner of Bond-street and Broadway, all had their gangs at work before 7 o'clock. The only men not permanently attached were the Italians, and these were taken from section to section, as one was found where the regular force met with extraordinary difficulties, or more snow than at other points. Every man at first worked with a will, and the carts were rapidly dispatched well loaded, but by noon the novelty flagged, and the man became somewhat weary of incessant shoveling and picking. The horses also soon tired out with drawing the carts through the side streets, drop with snow, and the brief rest at dinner-time was gladly hailed. All had been notified to bring food with them, and the horses were fed from nose-bags. Not a man was allowed to leave the work. At 3 o'clock Roundsman Stevens finished his section, having made a clean job of it, and deposited in the rivers 718 loads of snow. To do this he had 33 carts and drivers and 47 laborers. He and his men were then sent up to aid Deputy Inspector Plunkett. The work on Broadway was not as cleanly done as Tryon row, as the snow had been packed into ice by travel, and the account came much greater, owing to its falling from the buildings on the side of the street. It was therefore only possible to remove the grosser piles of snow and then the ice as near as possible down toward the pavement, but in many places the ice loosened easily, and parts of Broadway were, therefore, well cleaned. In the lower sections the carts had short distances to go to the rivers, and 20 trips for each team were made, but further up the journeys were longer, and 12 trips was the average. The number of loads to each cart was regulated by the distance traveled, and cart, horse, and driver were paid $3 for a so-called day's work, and for additional loads an extra sum was paid. The men were allowed $1 60 for eight hours' work and also allowance for extra time, so that some of them made from $1 75 to $3, according to the time they remained at work. As a general rule they worked well, but toward evening they were almost exhausted and dropped off one by one until the work had to cease for want of laborers. The sidewalks of Broadway were lined throughout the day with crowds of sight-seers, who watched the movements of the force with interest and frequently disturbed the men by asking them all sorts of questions. One gentleman in particular became quite indignant because one of the laborers refused to answer his questions, but was prevented upon being told by the foreman, who remarked to the offending man, "He Italian, he speakee no English." The Italians worked on the co-operative plan, all sharing alike, and thus they responded cheerfully to the orders of their foremen, to whose extra pay of $3 they would not share. When the work was done, in Broadway from the Battery to Fourteenth-street was fairly clear of the snow heaps at the sides and much of the snow on the pavement, but it will require another going over to be said to be thoroughly clear. Owing to the clearance already made by the snow-plows and sweeping-machines, the Bowery, the Broadway, and the two cross-town street railways, the centres of the thoroughfares bounding Union-square were clear of snow, but there were heavy banks piled alongside the tracks. The broad sidewalks, also, had been cleared, and their accommodation was the first object complained of, along the curbing. In addition, to this there was the comparatively clean and untrampled snow which covered the large spaces at the angles of the square, which made a very large, superficial area to be worked on by the shovelers, and it rendered this the same same living in that city. He was also a relative of Chief of Police Van Buskirk, and of Acting Capt. Simmons, of the Jersey City Police force. For years he has done no business except to collect the interest upon his money, which is all invested in mortgages. The value of the property left by him is estimated at $100,000.

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SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEN AND MANY HORSES AND CARTS AT WORK ON BROADWAY AND PARK-ROW—HOW THE WORK WAS PLANNED AND ACCOMPLISHED.

A vigorous attempt to clear the principal thoroughfares of the City from the snow, which, since the last storm, has so greatly impeded traffic, was begun at an early hour yesterday morning by the Street-cleaning Bureau, and the work will be kept up from day to day until the greater part of the snow is removed, unless a warm rain sets in, and thus saves the department the labor and the City Treasury a heavy cost. The experience gained in the Winter of 1877, when the bureau met with its first great snow-cleaning difficulty, was not thrown away upon its officers, and the storm had not ceased on Thursday before Commissioner Nichols and Inspector Gunner were preparing a system by which the greatest number of streets could be cleaned in the shortest time. Their plan was not perfected until Friday night, and, in the meantime, the regular carts of the bureau were kept employed in removing the snow from some of the worst-blockaded streets, and on Saturday afternoon and evening did good service in Wall-street. There are only 80 carts, but it was determined to press into the work some 500 ash-carts and a sufficient force of laborers to work them to advantage. Permission to dump the snow from convenient piers on each river had to be obtained, and therefore the Police Captains of the various precincts were directed to see the lessees of the piers required. This being done, 10 piers on the North and 16 on the East River were selected, all being below Twenty-sixth-street, and then 300 Italians, with several of their number to act as foremen, were hired in one lot from an agent, and all was ready. The plan arranged comprised an attack first upon Broadway, from the Battery to Twenty-sixth-street and Park and Tryon rows, and then on certain of the side streets. Broadway and Park and Tryon rows were laid out into three divisions. That from the Battery to Chambers-street was in charge of Capt. Hedden, the neighborhood of the newspaper offices was given to Roundsman Stevens, and from Chambers-street to Twenty-sixth-street was supervised by Deputy Inspector Plunkett, Commissioner Nichols and Inspector Gunner had general command, and with them were 40 officers of the Street-cleaning Bureau. The divisions were subdivided into sections of three blocks, and on each of these was placed an officer, whose duty it was to see that the men kept at work and that each cartman was given a ticket for every load he took to the river.

These preliminaries being arranged, the force moved at 6:30 yesterday morning. It comprised 600 carts and their drivers, 700 regular street-sweepers of the department, the 300 Italians and the officers, or 1,650 men in all. So well had the plans been arranged that the driver of each cart and every laborer knew the night before just where he was to report in the morning, and Capt. Hedden at the corner of Fulton-street, Roundsman Stevens in front of the Times Building, and Deputy Inspector Plunkett at the corner of Bond-street and Broadway, all had their gangs at work before 7 o'clock. The only men not permanently attached were the Italians, and these were taken from section to section, as one was found where the regular force met with extraordinary difficulties, or more snow than at other points. Every man at first worked with a will, and the carts were rapidly dispatched well loaded, but by noon the novelty flagged, and the man became somewhat weary of incessant shoveling and picking. The horses also soon tired out with drawing the carts through the side streets, drop with snow, and the brief rest at dinner-time was gladly hailed. All had been notified to bring food with them, and the horses were fed from nose-bags. Not a man was allowed to leave the work. At 3 o'clock Roundsman Stevens finished his section, having made a clean job of it, and deposited in the rivers 718 loads of snow. To do this he had 33 carts and drivers and 47 laborers. He and his men were then sent up to aid Deputy Inspector Plunkett. The work on Broadway was not as cleanly done as Tryon row, as the snow had been packed into ice by travel, and the account came much greater, owing to its falling from the buildings on the side of the street. It was therefore only possible to remove the grosser piles of snow and then the ice as near as possible down toward the pavement, but in many places the ice loosened easily, and parts of Broadway were, therefore, well cleaned. In the lower sections the carts had short distances to go to the rivers, and 20 trips for each team were made, but further up the journeys were longer, and 12 trips was the average. The number of loads to each cart was regulated by the distance traveled, and cart, horse, and driver were paid $3 for a so-called day's work, and for additional loads an extra sum was paid. The men were allowed $1 60 for eight hours' work and also allowance for extra time, so that some of them made from $1 75 to $3, according to the time they remained at work. As a general rule they worked well, but toward evening they were almost exhausted and dropped off one by one until the work had to cease for want of laborers. The sidewalks of Broadway were lined throughout the day with crowds of sight-seers, who watched the movements of the force with interest and frequently disturbed the men by asking them all sorts of questions. One gentleman in particular became quite indignant because one of the laborers refused to answer his questions, but was prevented upon being told by the foreman, who remarked to the offending man, "He Italian, he speakee no English." The Italians worked on the co-operative plan, all sharing alike, and thus they responded cheerfully to the orders of their foremen, to whose extra pay of $3 they would not share. When the work was done, in Broadway from the Battery to Fourteenth-street was fairly clear of the snow heaps at the sides and much of the snow on the pavement, but it will require another going over to be said to be thoroughly clear. Owing to the clearance already made by the snow-plows and sweeping-machines, the Bowery, the Broadway, and the two cross-town street railways, the centres of the thoroughfares bounding Union-square were clear of snow, but there were heavy banks piled alongside the tracks. The broad sidewalks, also, had been cleared, and their accommodation was the first object complained of, along the curbing. In addition, to this there was the comparatively clean and untrampled snow which covered the large spaces at the angles of the square, which made a very large, superficial area to be worked on by the shovelers, and it rendered this the same same living in that city. He was also a relative of Chief of Police Van Buskirk, and of Acting Capt. Simmons, of the Jersey City Police force. For years he has done no business except to collect the interest upon his money, which is all invested in mortgages. The value of the property left by him is estimated at $100,000.

ASSAULT ON AN EDITOR DENOUNCED.

The Germans and Swiss of Paterson are greatly excited over the recent assault by Jacob Horandt and his son upon Otto Stutzbach, editor of the *Passaic County Journal*. About 100 Swiss, employed under Horandt in Pelgram & Meyer's silk-mill, published a long card a few days ago in the *Paterson Volksfreund*, a rival German paper, in which they denounced Stutzbach in the most emphatic phrase of Vaterland, and boldly justified Horandt for chastising him. Yesterday afternoon a German mass-meeting was held at Germania Hall, under the auspices of Stutzbach's friends, to denounce the assault, and to induce the present Grand Jury to find an indictment against the assailants. The meeting was a large and earnest one, and listened to speeches by several eloquent Germans, one of whom compared Horandt to Bismarck in his rough efforts to squelch the freedom of the press. The principal speaker was George Winters, of this City; the other speakers were Messrs. Walding, Kopp and Hoffmann, of Paterson. Mr. Kopp presided. Resolutions were adopted requesting the Grand Jury "to thoroughly investigate the assault, and to mete out justice to Horandt and his son for their dastardly attack," and also requesting the Judges of the courts to punish the accused in the event of their conviction. It was also decided to have these resolutions circulated for signatures before presentation to the Grand Jury and the Judges.

IDENTIFYING A SUICIDE'S REMAINS.

A well-dressed woman yesterday called at the Police Head-quarters, Stapleton, and made inquiries about the unknown man who committed suicide on Friday evening by jumping from the Staten Island ferry-boat Westfield. She was shown an account-book that was found on the boat, and immediately recognized it as having belonged to her husband. She said the latter had been book-keeper for a firm in this City, and had been very much troubled of late owing to the discovery of a deficiency in his accounts which he was unable to make good. She also said that on Friday evening she and the firm by whom her husband was employed, had each received a letter from her husband in which the writer stated that when the letters would be received his body would be at the bottom of the East River. She refused to give her name or that of her husband, who, she said, was 57 years old.

A PEDESTRIAN FAILS IN HIS TASK.

Benjamin W. Fowler started last Monday to walk 400 miles in six days, at Caron Hall, Flushing. At midnight on Saturday he had covered 311 miles. As it was impossible for him to complete the task within the required time, which expired at noon yesterday, he was taken from the track by his backers.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

One hundred and twenty-five deaths were reported at the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday. Fourteen were from scarlet fever, and four from diphtheria.

During a fight at No. 293 Bowery early yesterday morning, George Vetter, of No. 275 East Tenth-street, was knocked down by a stranger, and received a severe scalp wound. He was attended by Police Surgeon Mealey, and went home.

Prof. D. L. Ventura will deliver five lectures at No. 11 East Fourteenth-street on the evenings of Jan. 27 and 29, and Feb. 3, 5, and 10, respectively. The lectures are collectively entitled "From Italy to America," and are described as an "unedited novel."

On Saturday evening the residence of Mr. B. D. McCahill, No. 256 East Forty-ninth-street, was entered by sneak-thieves and robbed of jewelry and wearing apparel valued at $100. Sneak-thieves also visited the residence of Mr. Myron Spear, in East Fifty-eighth-street, and carried off silverware valued at $79.

The opening game of the Brunswick and Balke tournament will be played to-night in the great hall of Cooper Institute, between Messrs. Albert Garnier and Jacob Schaefer, two of the strongest contestants entered. The game will be French carom, 600 points up, and will be begun promptly at 8 o'clock. A large attendance of lady spectators is expected. The new international rules will be signed by the competitors this afternoon.

The Bradstreet Company has issued a very large folio volume of commercial reports, giving the names and standing of bankers, merchants, manufacturers, and others doing business in this country and Canada. These names are arranged by States, cities, towns, &c., the nearest banks and telegraph and railway stations are given, and good compilations are furnished of the collection laws of the various States and Provinces. The volume will prove of use to every business man.

Godfrey Hunter, the colored sailor, who was arrested on Saturday on the arrival of the barkentine Samos, from Trieste, at the instance of his Captain, William Hamilton, who charged him with attempt at murder, was yesterday arraigned before Justice Otterbourg, in the Tombs Police Court. The magistrate decided that, as the assault was committed on the high seas, he had no jurisdiction in the matter, and he directed the prisoner to be handed over to the Federal authorities.

BROOKLYN.

During a quarrel Saturday night between Michael Kane, a laborer, residing at No. 204 Tillary-street, and his wife, the former struck the latter on the head with a bar of iron, inflicting a severe wound. Kane was arrested, and locked up in the First Precinct Station-house. He will be arraigned before Justice Walsh to-day for trial on a charge of felonious assault.

Hugh Nolan, who has occupied the house No. 46 Dykeman-street for the past 15 years, was served with a warrant Saturday afternoon, issued by Justice Ferry, on complaint of Noel B. Sanborn, the owner of the premises, who charges him with being a "squatter," and wants possession of the property, and, as Nolan refused to vacate the premises when notified to do so, the owner applied to the court for redress.

Henry Gibbons, who was locked up in the Tenth Precinct Station-house late Friday night, supposed to be insane, and removed to the City Hospital Saturday morning, died yesterday afternoon. The man slipped and fell on the ice previous to being placed in the station-house, and when examined by a physician, a depression was found in the back of his head. The physician thinks that Gibbons' skull was fractured. Coroner Simms will hold an inquest.

ANECDOTES OF GRANT IN DUBLIN.

From the London World, Jan. 8.

The Dublin banquet to Gen. Grant was necessarily on Friday night, consequently the new Lord Mayor, Sir John Barrington, had a difficulty to contend with, as I need hardly say the heroine present were in the minority. However, the big knight was quite equal to the emergency; the menu was emphatically marine, and from the oysters and turtle to the cranberry toast a delicate consideration was shown for both the appetites and consciences of his guests. The General's peculiarly reticent, reserved manner seems to have greatly impressed his Irish friends. The ancient manuscripts in Trinity College are displayed for him on a table; but, as one of the fellows says mournfully, he pays no more attention to them "than if they were a row of old boots in a pantry." And at another scientific institution a garrulous old custodian of certain precisities is introduced; tells of his visit to America long ago; how he is "bound to it" by bonds and ties and sympathies, and heaven knows what else, and how he means one day to go there again. "How long since you were in America?" says the little heavy man, looking out of his keen gray eyes. "Fifty years ago. Ah, yes! and I'm sure that is my next voyage." "Yes, Sir; you'll find the country considerably changed." "Good day," says the General dryly, and take about the curiosities. One thing only seems to awaken his interest. In the Royal Irish Academy there is preserved Wolfe's original manuscript of the "Burial of Sir John Moore," and the General stops about it and reads it deliberately from beginning to end.

THE NATIONAL BANKS OF MAINE.

From the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, Jan. 18.

The national banks of Maine the past year certainly have not earned their stockholders 5 per cent. interest—(after taxes were paid)—that is, in 1878 the savings banks of Maine made at least as large dividends, on an average, as the national banks of the State. One national bank in Bangor has just closed up its affairs, and another is about doing so. One or two national banks in this vicinity passed the July dividend, and very many of the banks of the State have passed at least one dividend of the year 1878. One of the Waterville banks has passed three semi-annual dividends within three years, paying one year only 2 per cent., and the other two years 4 per cent. In fact, the Maine banks come about 7 per cent. short of earning "double" interest, and upward of 12 per cent. short of "triple" interest. Of course, under the law which requires 10 per cent. of net earnings to be reserved for the contingencies of losses, all the old banks, which